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Campus celebrates sexuality

By Tom Ayres
NEWS EDITOR

The Rainbow Alliance (formerly GLBSA) celebrated sexuality this week by sponsoring a number of lectures, panel discussions, movies, and other activities designed to bring issues regarding gays, lesbians, transgenders, and bisexuals to the forefront of discussion on campus.

Celebrate Sexuality Week kicked off Monday evening with Nancy Ordover's lecture on "Eugenics, the Gay Gene, and the Science of Backlash" and will wrap up Saturday night with the film, "The Incredibly True Adventures of 2 Girls in Love."

"The main goals of this week are to raise awareness on campus about sexuality and educate people on such topics by providing an open forum," said Rainbow Alliance co-president Jen Collins '97. "At the same time, it gives us the opportunity to express ourselves and be proud of who we are."

The busy week of close to a dozen activities represents a semester's worth of fundraising, searching for movies and speakers, and making t-shirts and posters on behalf of Rainbow Alliance members.

Collins stressed that this celebration includes all aspects of alternative sexual lifestyles, including transgendered individuals, something that the group had not explicitly included in the past. The keynote speaker Leslie Feinberg spoke on Wednesday night about such issues in her speech titled, "Transgender Liberation: What it Means to You."

"We've really done alot this year to change the stereotypes that effect the organization from changing the name of the organization to changing the atmosphere in the meetings in order to make it a more welcoming place for everyone on campus," said Collins, "especially for those people who did not feel comfortable coming to the meetings."

One of the unofficial activities included a strut in which Alliance members walked arm-in-arm through the Commons and McEwen dining halls today at noon chanting and singing. When asked if the strut might be viewed as an aggressive and offensive demonstration, Collins replied,

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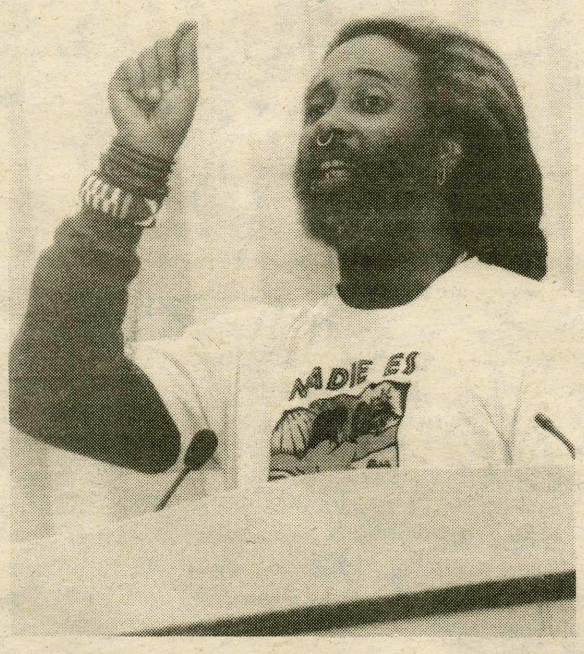

PHOTO BY ERIN MITCHELL '96

"We all have our journeys," Farajaje-Jones explained.

Farajaje-Jones challenges norms of traditional society

By David H. Townsend '97
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Dr. Elias Farajaje-Jones began his Thursday night speech by stressing the spirit of solidarity and resistance necessary for those living oppressed, and told those in attendance at the Chapel to live without fear.

In his hour long lecture he encouraged the crowd to act independently and focus on self-determination and self-definition. "Diversity is a positive thing," said Farajaje-Jones.

The lecture was sponsored by the Rainbow Alliance as part of Celebrate Sexuality Week.

Farajaje-Jones, a professor at Howard University, described himself five years ago as biphobic, feeling there was no such thing as bisexuality. He has since become an outspoken preacher for issues concerning homosexuals in traditional cultures

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Reed speaks on the Gospel in Wellin Hall

By Mark Granovsky '98
SPORTS EDITOR

"Faith in God is what's right with America," said Christian Coalition Executive Director Ralph Reed to an intimate crowd in Wellin Hall. He addressed such issues in his Wednesday evening speech as the 1996 election, poverty in America, and separation of church and state.

In addition to giving about 150 speeches a year, Dr. Reed is author of *Politically Incorrect: The Emerging Faith Factor in American Politics.* He has earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Georgia and a doctorate from Emory University in American History.

Dr. Reed, dressed in a gray suit and appearing relaxed, opened with a joke about the Pope. "The only two times the pope kisses the ground is when he has never been to that country or just flown USAir. After flying USAir this afternoon I did the same thing." After another quick joke about Bob Dole appearing on MTV, Dr. Reed turned to more important matters.

He described the 1996 election as a question of who is the best able to meet the demands of the poor in

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PHOTO BY KATE VAIL '96

Ralph Reed speaks in Wellin Hall.

PHOTO BY JULIE LOSAURO '99

Students survey the damage.

Vandals leave Delta Phi lounge in shambles

By Jacob M. Stetser
SENIOR EDITOR

Locked to all but the brothers of Delta Phi since the Res Life decision more than a year ago, a certain small lounge in Bundy West sat quietly closed until early last Saturday morning. One or more unknown intruders then smashed two bay windows and illegally entered the lounge, smearing blood and turning it upside-down.

The damage, estimated by a Bundy West resident advisor, totalled nearly three thousand dollars. Four large windows were broken, network connection boxes were torn from the wall, furniture and other artifacts strewn around the room. A large composite photo, a record of the fraternity brothers of a given year, also lay destroyed on the floor. Three other Delta Phi composites and a Kappa Delta Omega composite, worth three hundred dollars a piece, were also damaged.

Most shocking to the early observers of the damage, however, was the copious amount of blood on the floor, smeared on the door-frame and left in the sink of the nearest bathroom. The vandals also smashed a large mirror in the bathroom, endangering the residents of the hall.

When questioned about his first reactions to the damage, President Tobin, who met in the Delta Phi lounge with Kim Sallatte, Area Coordinator, and Tony Paccia of the Physical Plant, said, "I was distressed to see the vandalism," he paused, "and there was blood... on the floor and along the walls."

Sallatte added, "we were dumbfounded at what we saw." She knew that someone must be hurt from the amount of blood. All three present expressed concern, and area hospitals and emergency rooms were queried for recent incidents involving lacerations to arms and hands, with negative results.

"I used to call these acts 'mindless,'" said Tobin, "but now I realize that may be the wrong word for them.

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Changes made to simplify housing lottery

By Aleksandr Voninski '97
NEWS STAFF WRITER

Its that time of year again. The annual Housing Lottery is back and this year the Office of Residential Life has made changes it hopes will make housing selection easier for everyone.

This year, the Specialty Housing Lottery is separate from the General Housing Lottery. Tim Kress, Area Coordinator for Residential Life noted, "We've combined the specialty housing options into one lottery for the sake of simplicity. We hope that the changes will make it easier for people to live where they want to."

Specialty Housing consists of five main areas: Quiet, Substance-Free, Smoke-Free, Keehn Co-op and Rogers Estate. Next semester, the halls designated as Quiet and Substance Free will switch, with Root as the Substance Free Hall, and Major as the Quiet Hall. This change was made because of the increased demand for Substance Free Housing, and as Root is larger than Major, it will accommodate far more students. North and the 3rd Floor of Dunham will be the designated Smoke Free halls on campus.

The Specialty Housing Lottery will be taking place next Tuesday, the 16th, at 5:30 p.m. in the Dwight Lounge. Those interested in living in Keehn are encouraged to arrive at 4:30 p.m. If by chance you happened to miss the Wednesday Specialty Housing Lottery sign-up, have no fear, as those spaces not taken during the Specialty Lottery next Tuesday will be placed together with the General Housing Lottery, scheduled for Sunday, April 21st, from 10 a.m. -8 p.m. in the Events Barn.

Another change that has occurred is the placement of resident advisors. Carnegie, Babbitt, and Milbank will have 3 RA's each, with one added to Saunders. Griffin Road and Farmhouse residents will each have a resident manager who will be selected after students return in the Fall. The RM's will be responsible for general maintenance concerns. One last change that has occurred is that the DKE house will be for upperclassmen only, unlike this year in which first years were placed there.

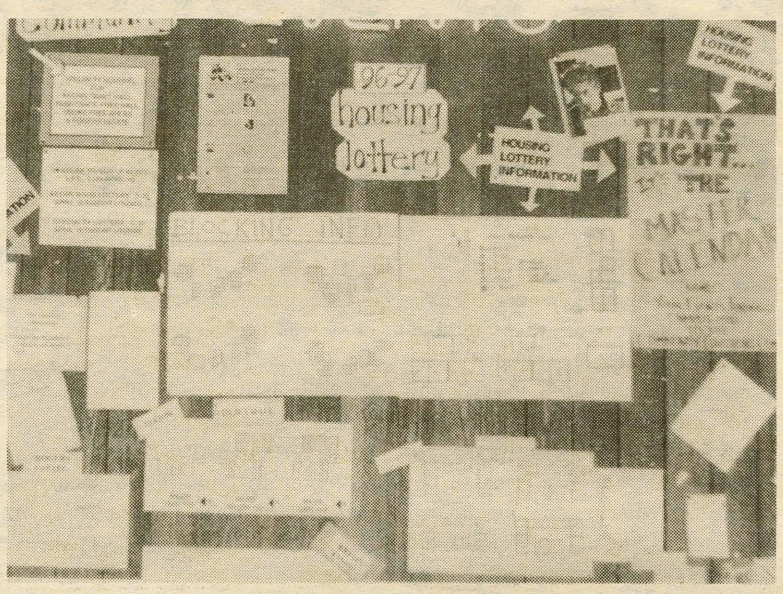

PHOTO BY RITU MONGU '99

Beinecke features a display of blocks and specialty housing.

When asked how preparation for the Housing Lottery has been going thus far, Tim Kress replied, "It's been going quite well so far. We have had a high demand for off-campus housing. Over 90 people have signed up for off-campus housing but we are only letting 50 people off-campus next semester. This could increase however, depending on the amount of accepted students and space available on campus. It all comes down to numbers and this will determine the housing placement for those still waiting on the off campus housing lottery list."

While on the subject of off-campus housing, Kress added, "This will be the last year we will have off-campus housing. One of the goals of the Res Life decision was to make the campus 100% residential. With the upcoming renovations of certain dorms and houses, this goal will become more realistic and feasible."

There has been some grumbling as to the limitations about off-campus living. Says Mike Murphy '97, as he was returning his off-campus housing sheet to Residential Life, "I wanted to live off-campus next semester, but because the lottery chooses individuals instead of groups of people, I can't be sure if my friends will get selected to live off campus or if I'll get to live with them. I really think that the off-campus lottery should be done by grouping people together."

Rising senior Kurt Rudolph noted, "I think Res Life has been doing a good job, although I really don't understand why they have to be so restrictive about off-campus living. There's really no need for it [restrictions]. I personally don't want to live off-campus because I wouldn't feel like part of the school, but if you haven't gone abroad while at Hamilton I think you should be given the right to live independently if you want to."

Besides rising seniors worrying over off-campus housing, first year students are worrying over who to live with and where. Residential Life encourages everyone who has questions about the lottery to seek out their RA and ask them about the various options on campus. The lottery booklet is easily obtainable and gives the times and dates of all the lottery and the specifics about each dorm. The Information Wall in Beinecke has a section devoted to the housing lottery and the Hamilton World Wide Web home page has a whole section dedicated to the lottery and the multitude of housing available.

Vaughn speaks on Challenger launch decision

By Prof. Urciuoli
Special to the Spectator

Professor Diane Vaughan, a Boston College sociologist specializing in organizational culture, spoke to a standing-room-only audience in the Chemistry Auditorium on Monday, April 8 about the complex engineering and managerial decisions leading to the ill-fated shuttle launch.

Professor Vaughan is the author of the recently-published *The Challenger Launch Decision: Risky Technology, Culture and Deviance at NASA*, a massive study of the organizational culture of the National Air and Space Administration.

Begun during the year following the launch, Vaughan's study makes a detailed assessment of the ways in which the Morton Thiokol engineers and NASA managers analyzed and communicated technical and scientific information. Vaughan goes beyond the conventional assessment that the launch failure resulted from uncaring managers who should have known that the O-rings would fail. Instead she takes into account the complexity of both the technological system (much of which had not been fully assessed) and the administrative system.

She draws the chilling conclusion that the more complex the system, the greater the possibility of unpredictable actions, and the greater the economic and political pressures on the personnel involved, the greater the likelihood that once-unacceptable risks become operationally routine. Where the NASA technical and organizational culture of the Apollo program focussed on a few missions, priorities shifted during the shuttle program as NASA faced pressures to launch as frequently as possible under tighter budget constraints. The purpose of the shuttle missions themselves was more diffuse than the purpose of the moon missions. As a result, NASA lost some of its sharp focus on quantitative specificity and rigor. Communication impediments arose among key personnel so that decision-making became increasingly subject to glitches.

In short, argues Vaughan, the shuttle system became, in many ways, an accident waiting to happen. Vaughan's massive research treats the Challenger incident as part of a larger problem of complex technological and administrative systems that affects everyone's life.

Since the publication of *The Challenger Launch Decision*, Vaughan has made numerous radio and televion appearances, particularly on National Public Radio. Her Challenger study is her third book; her first examined organizational fraud and her second, *Uncoupling*, examined couple breakups and divorce. Her Hamilton lecture was sponsored by the Departments of Anthropology, Chemistry, Economics, Physics, Rhetoric and Communication, Sociology, The Levitt Public Affairs Center and the Office of the Dean of Faculty.

HAMILTON COLLEGE
NEWS BRIEFS

Hamilton College Orchestra featured on newly released CD

The Hamilton Orchestra recently completed a recording on the newly released CD, *New Music for Orchestra*, under the Opus One label, a well-known American recording company of non-commercial and electronic music. The CD will be distributed internationally and has already been mentioned favorably in one of Japan's national music magazine/journals.

Under the direction of Associate Professer of Music E. Michael Richards, "Hirai V," was written by Japanese composer Masataka Matsuo for Hamilton College Orchestra, Richards and pianist Kazuko Tanosaki, a lecturer in Music at Hamilton.

"The opportunity for 45 students of a small liberal arts school to participate in this international project not only separates Hamilton from other comparable schools, but from most professional schools as well," says Richards.

Richards and the other orchestra commissioned "Hirai V" which is a Japanese word that means 'come flying,' for a performance at their 1992 Japanese music symposium at Hamilton, which was conducted by Matsuo. In 1995, Matsuo returned for the annual orchestra concert, which included "Hirai V," and held a recording session as well.

Matsuo graduated from the Tokyo University of Fine Arts in 1984 and was immediatly recognized by a number of awards for contemporary compostion including the Special Prize at the Japan/France Competition for Contemporary Music in 1985.

Tanosaki, born in Japan, was a first prize winner in the 1982 La Jolla Orchestra Young Artist Competition in San Diego. She was educated at the Kunitachi College of Music (B.A.) and recieved a M.A. in piano performance from the University of California, in San Diego. Currently she is a student in the DMA program in piano performance and literature at the Eastman School of Music.

Richards has premiered over 125 works that have utilized the clarinet at perfomances throughout the US, Japan, Australia, and Western Europe. He has conducted the Hamilton College Orchestra since 1984 when he arrived at Hamilton after a year as Conductor of Instrumental Ensembles at Bowdoin College. He is a graduate of the New England Conservatory of Music, holds master's degrees from Yale University School of Music and Smith College and earned a Ph.D. from the University of California, San Diego.

The Hamilton College Orchestra was founded in 1970 and has grown to include more than 50 students. The Orchestra was founded in 1970 and has grown to include more than 50 students. The Orchestra has undertaken four concert tours within the last seven years - one by invitation of the governments of Romania and Bulgaria to tour those countries for fourteen days. The Orchestra has performed with internationally renowned contra-bassist Bertram Turetzky; virtuosa performer of the koto, Nanae Yoshimura and commissioned and performed new works for orchestra by Richard Boulanger, Masao Honma, Jay Reise (class of 1972) and Samuel Pellman, professer of music at Hamilton.

The recording was made possible by generous grants from the Office of the President and the Office of the Dean of Faculty.

CAB attempts to redeem comedic sensibilities

On Saturday, April 13, the Campus Activities Board will sponsor "Selected Hilarity." The comedy troop will perform in the Filius Events Barn at 8 p.m.

Speaker discusses ethnic perceptions

The Women's Studies Department is sponsoring a lecture titled "Who Do You See in the Mirror: South Asian Reflections on Identity and Community." The lecture will take place in the Filius Events Barn in Beinecke Village on Saturday, April 13.

IVORY TOWERS

THE NEWS AT COLLEGES ACROSS THE LAND

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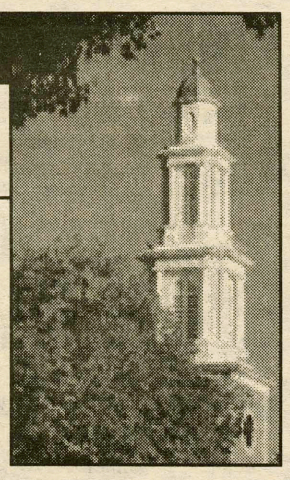


Columbia University students arrested over curriculum dispute

More than 100 students occupied Columbia University's library earlier this week, demanding that the school create an ethnic studies department. Twenty-two were arrested and charged with criminal trespass when they refused to leave on Wednesday.

The students said school security officers assaulted some protesters, and they expressed shock that the university responded to the demonstration by calling in city police and demanding arrests.

The confrontation was the culmination of rallies and protests that began 10 days ago when three students began a hunger strike demanding an ethnic studies department. They eventually ate.

Officials in Georgia seek to end affirmative action in state schools

Georgia's attorney general said Tuesday that he has called on state colleges and universities to end policies that favor members of racial minority groups. Attorney General Mike Bowers recommended that 34 state-run schools review admission policies and other measures and bring them into compliance with recent federal court rulings on racial preferences.

State schools chancellor Stephen Portch said he would consider the recommendation. But he also said that the future of Georgia depends on the ability of state-run colleges to provide minority students with access to higher education.

Blacks and Hispanics make up about 25 percent of the 206,000 students enrolled in the state university system, which includes the University of Georgia in Athens, and the Georgia Institute of Technology and Georgia State University in Atlanta.

Bates College students uncover bodies buried in Mt. Washington avalanche

Thirteen Bates College students worked for more than seven hours in an attempt to uncover two men who were buried alive three weeks ago in New Hampshire. The avalanche occurred on Mt. Washington's Gulf of Slides, where the Bates students had spent the previous day and night participating in a snow-shelter workshop, and where the two men had been skiing. As of Monday morning, the Boston Globe reported that identity of the two men had yet to be disclosed; the Associated Press revealed that both were Massachusetts residents.

The students, participating in an Outing Club event, were only a five-minute walk away from the slide. After packing up their belongings Sunday morning and beginning the trek back down, the group ran into a man who had miraculously jumped out of the way of the avalanche, but explained that he had seen two people disappear. An hour and a half into their search, the Forest Service and Appalachian Mountain Club (AMC) appeared on the scene, followed by the New Hampshire Fish and Wildlife and Search and Rescue.

A total of about 60 people were present when the three bodies were finally recovered, after more than three hours. The victims of the avalanche were declared dead at the scene.

Student charged after sacrificing live mice for sculpture

A college student who dipped 40 live baby mice in resin, then cut the hardened material into cubes for an art project, was charged last Friday with animal cruelty. Vincent Gothard, 25, a senior Fine Arts major at the University of Florida, faces up to five years in prison and a $10,000 fine if convicted.

His lawyer, Robert Rush, defended the project, saying the mice died instantly and were destined to become food for other animals anyway. Rush also said Gothard is protected by the Constitution. "There is no doubt that this is clearly artistic expression and probably protected by the First Amendment," Rush said.

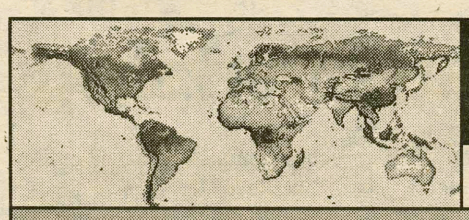
Gothard dipped live mice into liquefied polyester resin. When the resin hardened, he cut it into 53 two-inch cubes, some of which contained mice or pieces of mice. Some of the cubes were used as a sculpture, others in a mobile. Gothard said his sculpture conveys the process of struggle throughout life.

Rush said the state animal cruelty law is too broad because it defines animals as "every living dumb creature." The University is currently working on redefining its regulations regarding animal treatment.

The project, which has yet to be graded, was the conversation piece of the class critique. Several were appalled by the wax cubes and a few even felt nauseous.

News from our Ivory Tower...

The Hamilton Jitney was ticketed on Saturday night for a equipment violation. The Jitney, which requires drivers to have a clean driving record for three years, was negligient in replacing a broken headlight.



WORLD NEWS

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CD manufacturers say Chinese piracy is worsening

BEIJING - Chinese factories are producing more pirated CDs than ever before, according to American industry experts. In February 1995, China averted a trade war with the United States by agreeing to halt illegal CD production. The Chinese factories producing these CDs are the same ones that were operating last year before the agreement was reached, Jay Berman, President of the Recording Industry Association of America, told reporters Tuesday.

Thousands march to mourn dead student

SEOUL, South Korea - On the eve of South Korea's parliamentary election, thousands of students Wednesday denounced President Kim Young-sam during a procession to mourn a law student who died in a clash with police. Across the country, students in 40 universities boycotted classes and held rallies to mourn the death of Roh Su-sok. The 20-year-old sophomore at Seoul's Yonsei University died March 29 during a rally to protest tuition increases and demand that President Kim answer allegations that he used illicit funds in his 1992 campaign. Students blamed the death on police use of excessive force and tear gas.

Guerrilla attack kills Israeli in Lebanon

MARJAYOUN, Lebanon - Guerrillas attacked an Israeli military outpost in Israeli-held southern Lebanon Wednesday, killing one soldier and wounding three, Lebanese security sources said. Israeli artillery gunners opened up on suspected guerrilla infiltration trails and the sources said one of the retreating attackers was wounded.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the attack, which kept tension high on the last active Arab-Israeli war front as Mideast peace talks founder. Most attacks against Israeli troops in Lebanon are carried out by Hezbollah, an Iranian-backed group that opposes Mideast peacemaking. The Shiite Muslim group leads a guerrilla war to drive Israel from the zone it holds in southern Lebanon to curb raids on its northern communities.

On Tuesday, Hezbollah guerrillas fired Katyusha rockets into northern Israel, wounding 36 people and provoking Israeli retaliatory air and artillery attacks on southern Lebanon.

Wednesday's clash began when guerrillas fired a rocket at the Israeli position at Blatt, 500 yards from the Israel-Lebanon border, then raked the post with machine-gun fire.

Israel retaliated with shell fire, wounding one of the retreating attackers speaking on condition of anonymity.

Four wounded Israelis were evacuated to a hospital in northern Israel, where one of them died, the sources said. That raised the Israeli casualty toll inside the occupied enclave to seven killed and 30 wounded this year.

Judge to announce libel award against American

SINGAPORE - A judge will announce Thursday how much he has decided an American educator must pay Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew for alleging corruption in Singapore, Lee's lawyer said Wednesday. Lee sued Christopher Lingle, a former Singapore University lecturer, for unspecified damages over an article published in the International Herald Tribune in October 1994. It is not clear how Lee can recover the damages. The government has confiscated Lingle's personal library and assets including an undisclosed amount of money.

Turkish troops surround Kurdish rebels

ANKARA, Turkey - Turkish ground troops closed in Tuesday on hundreds of Kurdish rebels in a major offensive that has already claimed at least 129 lives.

Tuesday's fighting was concentrated in a mountainous area of southeastern Turkey between the towns of Lice and Kulp in Diyarbakir province and Genc in Bingol province, the military said. The Turkish news agency Anatolia said about 300 rebels were trapped in the area and that government troops there were backed by air support.

The campaign began Friday night, apparently timed to take advantage of warming weather and the rebels' unilateral cease-fire. The days since have been the deadliest in months, with the military reporting 129 people killed - 102 guerrillas and 27 soldiers. The offensive comes amid pledges by Turkey's new premier, Mesut Yilmaz, to resolve the conflict without force.

About 20,000 people have died since 1984 in the Kurdish battle for autonomy in southeastern Turkey, home to one-fifth of Turkey's 12 million Kurds.

The fighting eased after rebels announced a cease-fire in December, saying they would fire only when attacked. But the government has refused to go along with the truce, calling it a ploy to allow the rebels to regroup.

NATIONAL NEWS

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Poll: Few worry about U.S. terror attacks

WASHINGTON - A year after the Oklahoma City bombing, relatively few Americans consciously worry about massive terrorist attacks on public places in the United States, according to a poll released Wednesday. Almost 75% of those responding to the poll consider a nuclear, chemical or biological attack a possibility. Fewer than one in eight say they worry about it a great deal. The poll conducted involved a nationwide sample of 1,500 people 18 or older.

Ice cream tune protected, judge rules

Anabell's Ice Cream trucks will be back on the streets of Glocester, R.I., this summer now that a federal judge has ruled the repetitive tinny tune the trucks blare is protected by the First Amendment. "It's a ding-dong ice cream song," said John Dineen, the company's lawyer. Glocester officials had said Anabell's could sell only if the trucks didn't play music. Judge Mary Lisi ruled free-speech guarantees prohibit restrictions based on content, such as the Glocester one aimed only at merchants.

Reports: Tobacco documents given to suing lawyers

RICHMOND, Va. - The ex-girlfriend of a Philip Morris USA executive has given boxes of his papers to lawyers suing seven of the nation's largest tobacco companies about nicotine levels in cigarettes. The lawyers argue that the world's largest tobacco company manipulates nicotine to hook smokers.

Federal grand juries are examining whether tobacco executives perjured themselves in 1994 when, at a congressional hearing, they denied that the industry systematically adjusts nicotine levels in cigarettes. Philip Morris denounced the network reports as being the result of a "bizarre stunt" on the part of lawyers in the lawsuit.

The lawsuit was filed in New Orleans on behalf of every smoker and former smoker in the country. Other defendants named in the lawsuit are the American Tobacco Co., Brown & Williamson Tobacco Corp., Lorillard Corp., United States Tobacco and the industry's lobbying arm, the Tobacco Institute.

Kidnapped woman drags bed frame to safety

TULSA. OKLA. - A kidnapped women freed herself by cutting cords around her hands and feet with a pair of scissors she hid in a pillow case and then dragging a bed frame she was handcuffed to into a garage where she partially dismantled it, police said Tuesday. Velzo Harrison, 35, Eula Chiles former boyfriend, was jailed in lieu of $35,000 bail Tuesday on complaints including kidnapping and assault with a deadly weapon.

Week highlighted by lectures, workshops

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"People will always be uncomfortable with actions we take as a group or as individuals, and its something that those people will have to deal with."

Simi Ravven '98, also an active member of the Alliance, offered similar views regarding the shape and scope of controversy. "For various reasons these demonstrations go beyond people's own experiences or comfort levels which may threaten or challenge them, she said. "So instead of recognizing and accepting us and our actions, they react with fear and condemnation."

"It's important to broaden campus awareness on these issues and the Celebrate Sexuality and Women's Energy weeks do precisely that," said Professor of Classics and Women's Studies Shelley Haley. She claimed that the issues discussed in the lectures and activities do carry over into everyday life, such as in the classroom and ordinary conversations.

She did criticize, however, the crowded schedule of activities this week, particularly on Wednesday night when Feinberg lectured in the Chapel as Christian Coalition's Ralph Reed spoke in Wellin Hall and Arnold Rampersad lectured in the Dwight Lounge on the late Arthur Ashe and the ethics of biography.

"The abundance of lectures and speeches demonstrate that Hamilton is an intellectually diverse place," she said, "but it's unfortunate that they all have to be on the same night. By doing this, student turnout may not reflect actual interest."

As a first year member of the Alliance, Cathy Wentowski '99 has been impressed by the organization and work that went into planning the week, but emphasized that there is still a long way to go in the process of getting their message across.

"It's sad to see that the same faces show up at these lectures and activities, because those that do attend find themselves energized and empowered on not only homosexual issues, but social, gender, and racial issues as well," she said.

PHOTO BY KATE VAIL '96

Rhetoric and Communication Professor Ross listens attentively at a discussion.

Quick solution to poverty

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America. "The Christian Coalition believes that [the problem] should be solved at the lowest level by churches and synagogues."

He called President Clinton a "chameleon" who would do whatever it takes to be elected. Reed also questioned his seriousness on issues because Clinton has focused a new war on drugs as well as school prayers. "These are conservative themes," remarked Dr. Reed.

Dr. Reed supports voluntary school prayer on student initiative, but notes that "public prayer is not as effective as private prayer."

Dr. Reed emphasized countless times his belief of protecting all speech.

He placed the 1996 election in a historical context. "The last election of a century prepares the way for the politics of the next century." He praised the fight of William Jennings Bryan who connected Christianity with politics in the 1896 election. Bryan, a freshman congressman from Nebraska, spoke against the gold standard and said, "The Labor issue is a moral issue."

Then, Mr. Reed focused on the patriotism of Teddy Roosevelt who redeveloped the US Navy and made America a banking giant.

How does one rise out of poverty in America? Dr. Reed provided a quick three-step solution to the problem. "Get a job and keep it, attain a high school diploma, and get married before having children." Although a college diploma is valuable, Dr. Reed did not see it as an absolute necessity to getting ahead.

The highlight of the speech was the Britney Settle case. Twelve-year-old Britney wrote an English term paper on her hero. She chose Jesus Christ as her subject and the teacher gave her an "F" for violation of separation of church and state. Despite an appeal to a state court, three judges upheld the decision. The Supreme Court refused to take on the case. Dr. Reed said "I believe in an America where a person is not persecuted for their religious belief and people like Britney Johnson can say what they feel."

He concluded with quoting Winston Churchill, "The American people always do the right thing after exhausting every possibility."

Self-definition stressed

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and the posters publicizing the event described him as a "Spanish-speaking afrikan native-american and an anarchist guerrilla theologian/AIDS terrorist/writer/cultural critic/performance artist/ritual technician."

"We all have our journeys," he explained.

In his lecture Farajaje-Jones challenged people to act against assumptions, and to define the self by setting individual standards of accepting the body, the mind, the soul, and the spirit. He argued that we must no longer adhere to the norms of the white patriarchal, heterosexual world.

He challenged listeners to firmly speak out against all forms of oppression however they may present themselves, and said that "politeness can kill us." He stressed that an individual's issues are actually everyone's collective issues, that a black man's issues are a white woman's issues. "There needs to be more than just tolerance, more than just acceptance."

Stressing the importance of maintaining a positive outlook, Farajaje-Jones referred to the poor economy and prevalent hatred as a bleak picture of American society.

He felt that in order to fight the male heterosexual world in which oppressed people too often become scapegoats, those oppressed should form broad-based coalitions for change. These coalitions would believe in the value of justice, creating change and will have an agenda different from the traditional world. It is important, Farajaje-Jones felt, that these coalitions define their own realities, language and image by bringing together experiences and life stories.

To end the lecture Elias recited a poem that expressed his disbelief at the world's oppression. It was originally given as a eulogy for a friend on Martin Luther King Day. It was titled, "I Had a Bad Dream."

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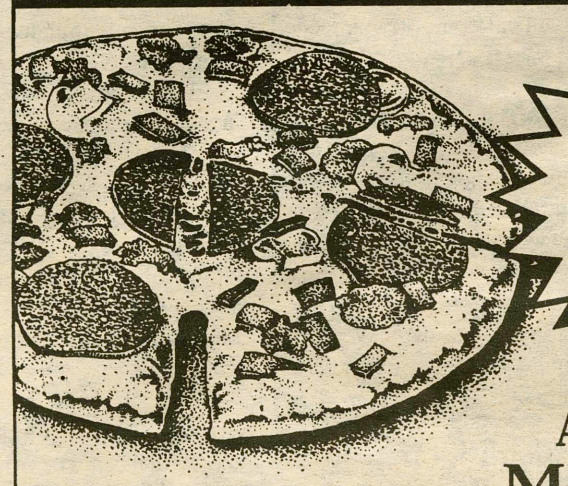

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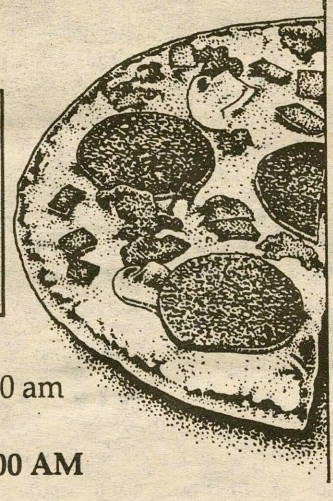

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Feinberg speaks on hatred

By Sarah McNeilly '96
NEWS STAFF WRITER

Leslie Feinberg prefaced her Wednesday night lecture titled, "Transgender Liberation: What it Means to You," by personally thanking Ashley Merriman for making it comfortable for her to speak at Hamilton College.

Feinberg, author of Stone Butch Blues and Transgendered Warriors, and winner of the 1994 Lambda Literary Award, went on to explain her reasons for feeling uncomfortable at various places across the country, especially at medical facilities.

"Because I'm transgendered, I don't feel comfortable going to just *any* medical emergency room because I'm apt to get treated with hatred and abuse." In fact, Feinberg, at one point, was forced to use an IV at home in order to get rid of a bacterial infection so as to avoid the blatant abuses of medical workers.

Feinberg did not offer her personal experiences with transgender prejudice for pity's sake, but rather to familiarize her audience with the amount of hatred, intolerance and bigotry found not only against transgendered individuals, but against various other persons as well.

While she did spend quite a good deal of time discussing the amount of intolerance found within our society, Feinberg focused the majority of her lecture on the notion of transgender liberation.

Feinberg gave many definitions for the "transgendered." Many people refer to transgendered individuals as those who cross the sexual boundary assigned to them at birth. Yet Feinberg dictated her preference to use the term in its most general usage. She defines "transgender" as any showing of the various ways there are to express gender and sex.

As a prominent gender rights activist and advocate in America, Feinberg urged her Wednesday night audience to think about the positive impact the transgender movement has on the women's liberation movement. She suggested that "in freeing ourselves from gender barriers, we will also free ourselves from the sexual boundaries which so often oppress and hinder women in this country." In linking transgender liberation with women's liberation, Feinberg introduced her notion that change can only come with collective support, dialogue and understanding between groups.

Feinberg added that patriarchal society, while encouraging the division of groups such as the transgender movement, also obligates us to color code and sexually code each individual as either male or female with regards to their sexual organs. In response to such coding, Feinberg asked the audience, "what's wrong with ambiguity?" What's wrong with a male demonstrating "female" characteristics or a female exhibiting those of a "male"? Furthermore, Feinberg added, why not color code or dress all infants in white instead of pink or blue? She summed up her argument with asking her listeners to imagine two parents upon being asked what sex their baby was as answering, "we don't know. Our child hasn't told us yet."

Feinberg ended her lecture with a call for inter-group support for the basic rights of tolerance and acceptance; the rights which every single person is entitled to in a "free" society. Without such support, Feinberg warned that it will be virtually impossible to "blur the bridge of the social divide." In order to attain lasting change, Feinberg asked that we "all come together and learn to find the places where we've been wounded and alleviate them."

Fear prevents apprehension of perpetrators

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These are premeditated attacks against property."

Tobin and others expressed hope that someone would come forward with information leading to the capture of the perpetrators. "These individual acts will not go unpunished; they are attacks against the entire community," warned Tobin.

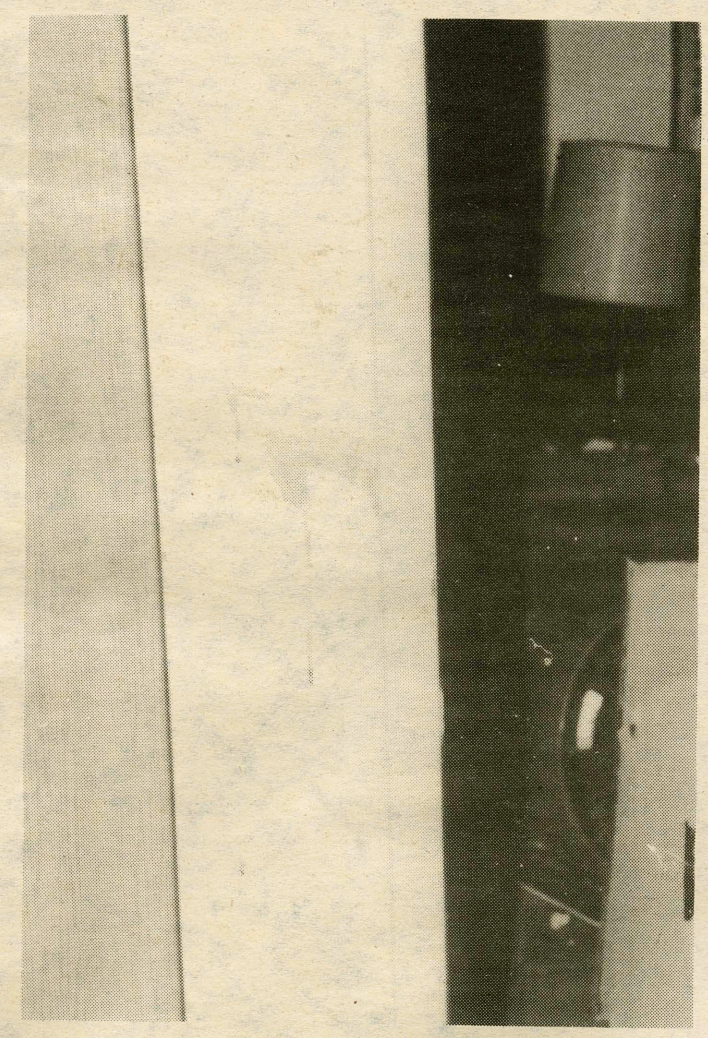
Alek Voninski '98, the resident advisor in the Delta Phi end of Bundy West, concurred with President Tobin in noting that several people heard the commotion occurring in the lounge but were too frightened to confront the vandals. One student anonymously reported the vandalism to Campus Safety around four a.m.

"I was going to bed when it happened," reported Voninski, "and I heard a crash and a scream outside, but I wasn't concerned because I hear that every weekend. But I was very surprised to see the amount of damage to the bathroom and the Delta Phi lounge the next morning."

Dave Gehm, a brother of Delta Phi, said, "Nothing seems to be stolen... but I'm shocked that someone could still do this. We set stuff up in here to protect it, and people come in and trash the place."

Gehm also noted that Delta Phi had already settled with the College, and that the physical lounge was rented from the College. "It seems that this was aimed more specifically at the College than at us," said Gehm.

Although no suspects have been identified as of now, Security and others involved in the search for the perpetrator(s) assume at least one of them sustained considerable wounds.



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DNA testing popularized by the OJ trial on the blood stained wall could lead to an answer in this case.

Students should be on the watch for anyone who suffered multiple lacerations to the hands and forearms within the past week.

According to eyewitnesses, a student with heavily bandaged forearms was seen in McEwen, but had disappeared by the time anyone was able to investigate.

The attack has left more than a few people upset, but Alek Voninski articulated the hopes of all those afflicted by the vandals' frenzy: "I hope Campus Safety catches the bastards."

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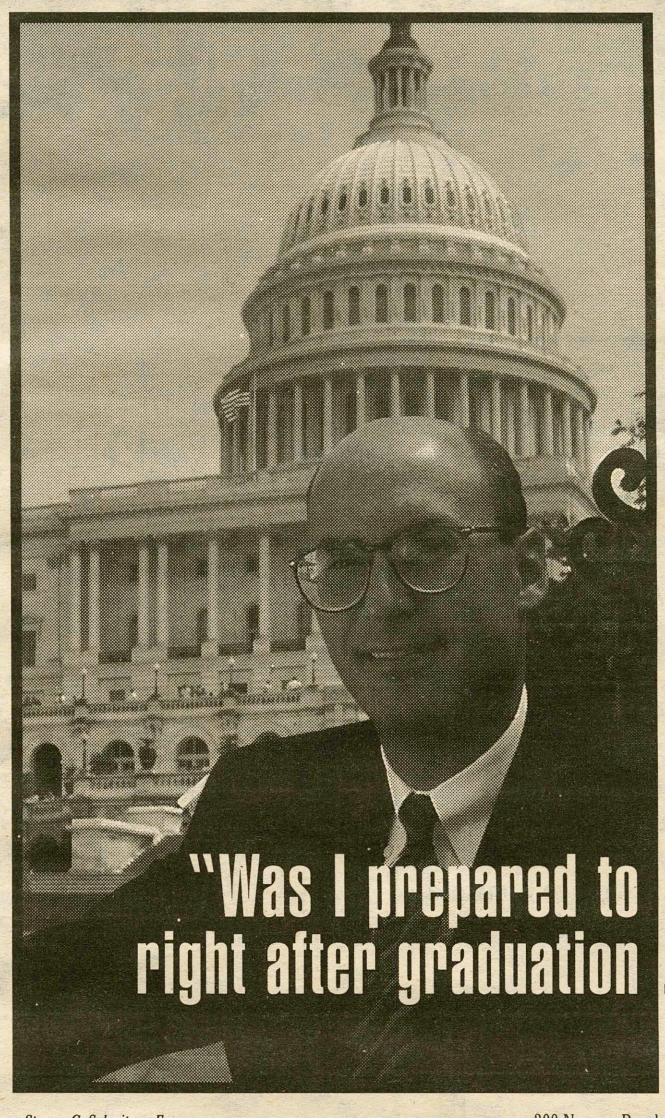

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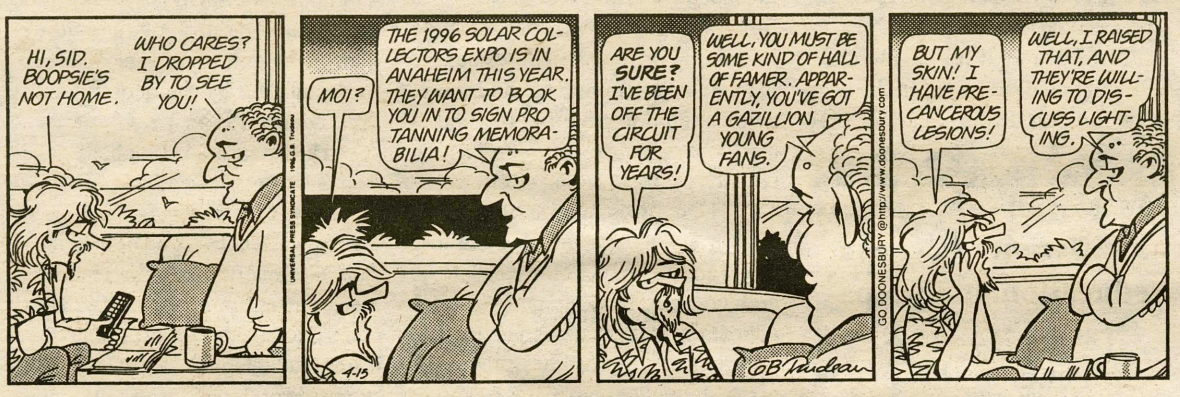
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MYSELF, I THINK YOUR GREATEST YEAR WAS '77, WHEN YOU BLEW AWAY SONNY BONO IN THE REGIONALS! YOU WERE ON FIRE—THE TALK OF THE BOARDWALK!
YEAH, '77 WAS PRETTY BIG FOR ME, I GUESS.
I HEARD YOU EVEN HAD YOUR OWN STALKER.
HALF TRUE. I SHARED ONE WITH RYAN O'NEAL.
HEY, MR. HARRIS. MIND IF I ASK YOU A QUESTION?
SHOOT, MAN.
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AFTER. IT WAS AN OVERCAST DAY.
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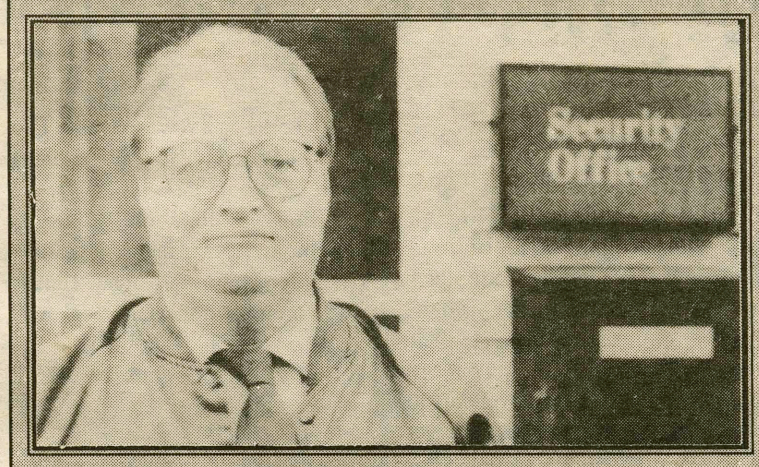

- compiled by Alden Barlow '98

Tuesday April 2
1:50 a.m. : Hamilton Security discovered vandalism of the golf course grounds.

Wednesday April 3
5:20 p.m. : The report of a fire alarm in Babbitt was called in to security.
10:40 p.m. : Security received a call about a medical emergency.

Thursday April 4
2:30 p.m. : A vandalism report was called in to security. A car parked in Root Extension was found with a broken window.
11:45 p.m. : Hamilton Security answered to a report of a verbal confrontation in Bundy East.

Friday April 5
11:30 a.m. : Security received a call about a fire extinguisher that a student had tampered with.
7:40 p.m. : A fire alarm in Babbitt called security to the scene check out the problem.

Saturday April 6
3:50 a.m. : Vandalism in the Delta Phi lounge in Bundy West was reported to Hamilton Security.

Sunday April 7
3:08 a.m. : A medical emergency in Bundy Dining Hall was called in to security.

Monday April 8
1:27 a.m. : A fire alarm in Dunham was reported.
9:00 p.m. : Hamilton Security answered a call about a medical emergency in Milbank.

Tuesday April 9
9:30 p.m. : Security received a report of an unauthorized party in the Psi Upsilon house.

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End of New York state-mandated courseworks begins Hamilton teacher education program

By Marie L. Follayttar '98
FEATURES EDITOR

Seventeen years ago when Hamilton merged with Kirkland College the school's administration eliminated the schools' individual teacher education programs. Prior to this Hamilton had a program that certified its students for secondary school education and Kirkland College had a program for elementary school education. Although the decision was a difficult one, it was necessary to maintain Hamilton's mission as a liberal arts college. During that time New York State legislature was mandating required coursework for accredited certification as a teacher. The required courseload made it impossible for students in the teacher education program, to fulfill their basic Hamilton college requirements. Students could not receive both their Bachelor's Degree and their teacher certification at the same time.

> **" Great teachers come from the liberal arts tradition. They know how to think, problem solve and how to communicate." - Professor Susan Mason**

Over the past few years the state has turned back its decision and has lowered the number of courses necessary for accreditation. The state has set it up so that the college submits a proposal for a teacher education program and the state approves the program. The school does not have to create a program according to state guidelines.

Once Hamilton saw this, several professors decided to bring the program back into the Hamilton curriculum. Timothy J. Kelly of the Mathematics Department along with Esther Kanipe of the History Department and David C. Paris of the Government Department, began to design Hamilton's teaching program. Two and a half years ago Beverly R. Edmondson of the Psychology Department and Susan A. Mason of the Rhetoric and Communication Department joined the team.

Members of this group acted upon the premise that "great teachers come from the liberal arts tradition. They know how to think, problem solve and how to communicate," said Professor Mason, the Director of the Program. Acting against the "cookbook" method of teaching, they devised a program that would teach students to get to know their students and to then deliver a real expertise of subject matter. As Mason says there is a difference between "education and Preparation training." Students in this program will learn to be, to think and to act as educators.

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The Program in Teacher Education is not a concentration and therefore, must be completed in addition to a concentration. It is the first step in provisional New York State Teaching Certification. It fulfills all of the following goals as stated in the next academic year's course catalog: "1) satisfactory completion of a one year supervised internship; 2) a master's degree functionally related to the field of teaching; 3) satisfactory performance on an examination in the subject area of provisional teaching certificate; and 4) satisfactory performance on an assessment of teaching skills."

> **By enrolling in this program, students explore the issues in education, they have a specific field experience, they observe educators, they learn the psychology of education, as well as the basic principles of education.**

Certification is available to teach grades 7-12 in the subjects of English, Mathematics, Social Studies, French, or Spanish. Students enrolled in the program must complete the general education and physical education requirements, as well as the requirements for their concentration(the discipline must be approved). In addition to this they must complete one year of study in a foreign language, two hours of study or training on the procedures behind identifying and reporting child abuse, an examination covering the liberal arts and sciences and the seven courses of the program itself.

The courses required are found in a variety of departments including government, psychology, rhetoric and communication, and specific education classes designed for the program. By enrolling in this program students explore the issues in education, they have a specific field experience in which they work in a school system, they observe educators, they learn the psychology of educational situations, education reform as well as basic principles of education.

Students interested in entering this program should submit an "Intent Form" to Professor Mason generally by March 1 of their first year. The application will not be accepted later than March 1 of their junior year. Students must receive a recommendation by the department of their concentration.

The Program in Teacher Education is being advised by an external advisory committee consisting of principals, teachers and other education administrators in the Hamilton area. Currently there are 20-25 students interested in the program, there is one student involved in field experience. Professor Mason anticipates three student-teachers next year and 6-8 the following year. Although, there is a rising interest, Mason hopes to keep the program small in order to maintain the quality.

Ask M&M

M&M
c/o The Spectator

Dear M&M,
I am so stressed about where I am going to live next year. I have become obsessed. I cannot eat, sleep or study and I haven't even recieved my number yet. I am a rising sophomore and I fear that I won't get a room anywhere (I've heard some pretty bad horror stories). I know that I definately want to live with my one friend in a double, but what if we both get the last numbers in the lottery?

-Stressed out

Dear Stressed out-
The housing lottery can be a very stressful process. However, as a rising sophomore you shouldn't be that stressed, especially if you know who you want to live with and you know that you want to live in a double. There are many rising seniors who are just as or even more stressed than you trying to fill a double slot in the suites they hope to pull. If I were you I'd start asking around to see if any seniors you may know need to fill a double. You might even try an ad in the Daily Bull or the Spectator Classifieds. Good Luck. .

-M&M

Dear M&M,
I have a problem. It seems that recently, I cannot sleep withouit the help of sleeping pills or marijuana. No matter how hard I try, by the time three a.m. rolls by I am rolling a joint or popping a pill. I am really worried about this addiction, especially because school is ending fast and I am only a first year. I have changed a lot in the past year and my parents will not be accepting of these changes as well as these new habits. What do I do?

-Sleepless in Clinton

Dear Sleepless in Clinton,
This is a serious problem. Your body has becopme used to the effects of these drugs and associates the feelings of sleep with the effects of those drugs. You should perhaps try some other more safe way of sleeping. Try meditation, or even controlled dreaming. If these don't work we would suggest seeking professional help. Your body survived and you slept before these drugs entered your lifestyle, you will survive again. Best of luck!

-M&M

Dear M&M,
I don't know what to do, one of my best friends wants me to live with her. But I just cannot live with her. She is a really great person and I love her to death, but we both leave very different lifestyles and I cannot change mine and she can't change hers. How do I break the news to her without ruining opur friendship and breaking her heart? Please help me, my friendship is on the line.

-I just don't know what to do

Dear I just don't know what to do,
I know that this situation is really difficult, but you have to be true to yourself. Put your own needs in front of anyone else's. Your friend should know that you love her, but be honest to her. If you are not honest then you are not being a true friend. Explain to her the differences in lifestyles between the two of you and then this will show to her that it would not work out. It is easier to deal with the facts than the emotions. Use that old game and prove it, rather than tell her with an emotional appeal. Don't hurt her, just break it to her.

-M&M

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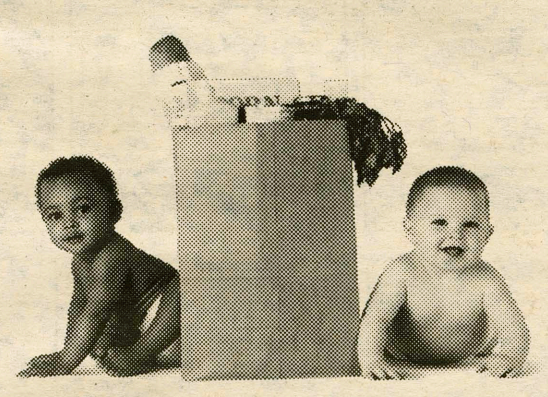

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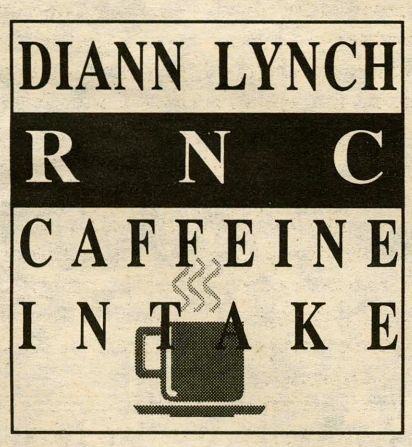
Do you drink coffee, tea or soft drinks? If so, read on. Although people have perked themselves up with caffeine since the Stone Age, excessive caffeine intake can be harmful.

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) classifies caffeine as a "generally recognized as safe" drug that stimulates the central nervous system, heart, and stomach. Many over-the-counter and prescription drugs, including stimulants, cold remedies, pain relievers, and diet pills contain caffeine.



Coffee, tea, cola and chocolate are common sources of caffeine. IN coffee, the caffeine content depends on the variety of coffee bean and on how it was ground and brewed. One cup of brewed coffee contains about 115 milligrams of caffeine. A cup of brewed tea contains about half as much. Soft drinks are major caffeine source because manufacturers often add caffeine to soft drinks. On average. caffeinated soft drinks supply about 45 milligrams of caffeine per serving. A cup of hot chocolate contains only about five milligrams of caffeine.

Low doses of caffeine -- one or two cups of coffee per day -- may increase alertness, reduce drowsiness, and lessen fatigue. In some cases, caffeine aborts migraine headaches. Its effects peak after about three hours.

Large doses of caffeine, usually more than four cups of coffee per day can produce "caffeinism" or "coffee nerves." Symptoms include restlessness, nervousness, anxiety, headache, insomnia and stomach disturbances. Daily caffeine users may not even associate these symptoms with caffeine. Caffeinism can easily be mistaken for chronic anxiety. On the other hand, suddenly eliminating caffeine from the diet can cause fatigue and headache, among other symptoms.

Recent research has not shown a casual relationship between caffeine intake and cancer, heart disease, high blood pressure, birth defects or ulcers, but some cautionary words are in order. Most physicians recommend that ulcer patients avoid caffeine, and while no studies have definitely shown that caffeine has bad effects on developing fetuses, the FDA and most obstetricians recommend that pregnant women restrict their caffeine intakes.

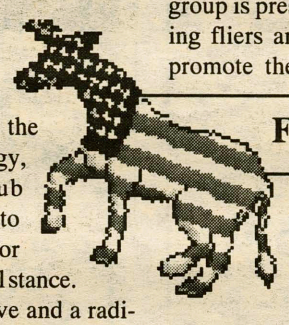
Smoking speeds up the body's metabolism of caffeine. When a smoker quits smoking the amount of caffeine in the blood may increase, resulting in caffeinism. If you are a smoker and coffee drinker who wants to stop smoking and cut down on your coffee intake, it is probably best not to change both at the same time. However, don't use this as an excuse to keep smoking -- usually, quit smoking first.

Remember, caffeine is a drug, so talk to your health care provider before using excessive caffeine or taking it in combination with other drugs. In general, think twice about that third cup of coffee!

Democrats are back on the hill

By Emily Croker '99
FEATURES WRITER

When first year student Jeff Ranen arrived on the Hill, he was anxious to hear news from the Hamilton College Democrats, an organization he had read about in the student handbook. He soon discovered, however, that the group seemed to no longer exist as an active part of Hamilton life. Jeff then decided to take the initiative to resurrect this political group and two weeks ago the Hamilton College Democrats were reborn.



Because the average Hamilton student tends to learn toward the right in political ideology, the Democratic Club thought it necessary to provide an alternative for those with a more liberal stance. While both conservative and a radical democratic clubs presently exist, there was no middle-of-the-road view based organization.

The group is committed to upholding democratic values while also remaining open-minded to other opinions. While they may not concur with conservative or "far-left" notions, they are definitely willing to accept different ideals that exist in our modern society.

The Hamilton Democrats have gotten off to a slow start, yet their membership has doubled between the first two meetings. In order to be recognized as an official group, they recently drafted a constitution stating their basic principles and presented it to the student assembly for approval. Because they will not receive funds from the college until next year, the group is presently limited to producing fliers and other publications to promote their liberal ideology. A potential debate with members of the conservative club has also been discussed as an exciting possibility for the Spring.

President Jeff Ranen seems positive that the Hamilton Democrats will gain strength in the upcoming years and prove to be a successful organization. He believes that members of society in our age group are "inherently liberal" and will inevitably rise to the occasion of promoting free speech, pro-choice legislation, gay rights, and affirmative action.

The Hamilton Democrats will be officially recognized next year and they plan to continue to recruit members to spread their influence. They will hold elections for new positions of president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer in late December. The group also plans to impact their community by volunteering in Utica as well as bringing quality speakers to the campus.

If you are annoyed by the conservative propaganda and fliers in the dining hall, and if you are tired of hearing Newt Gingrich's beliefs in the news, Jeff Ranen urges you to attend the next Democratic Club meeting to discuss your opinions. Give the group a chance and prove that you can actively participate in the democratic process. The next meeting is April 17th at 9:00 in Bristol.

First-year revitalizes Hamilton Democrats

Adventuring out into the Oneida community

During the last few weeks of the semester, in those last free moments until finals check out what is going on in the Oneida community.

On April 17, Louis Angelini, Robert Cimbalo, and Eugene Paul Nassar will be speaking on "Connections: Common Themes in the Arts." They will be speaking at the Oneida County Historical Society 1608 Genesee Street in Utica. The speakers are from Utica College . Angelini is a professor of music, Cimbalo is an Associate Professor of Fine Arts and Nassar is a Professor of English. Dr. Angelini says,

" In this program we want to talk about and share with you some connection that we have found in our work -- literature, art and music. The works that we will deal with were created separately. Nevertheless, when individual artists join together, as we have, to look at a sampling of their creations, they can often find links in states of mind, broad themes, and even in details... Life without art and art without linkage to life are unimaginable. Art, simple or complex, is the most entertaining and contemplative telling of the story of the connections between people. Works of art are careful, loving and ingenious remakings of pieces of our individual and collective histories. They are nurturing tall tales, truthful inventions that give us immense pleasure. They speak to us of common experiences that may vary in detail, and yet form a bond among us..."

On April 21 an exhibition "Utica in the Fifties" will open at the Oneida County Historical Society. The exhibit will include artifacts like an Ike button, a picture of Annettte Funicello, and a Civic Defense flag among others. Lecturer of History at Hamilton College Phil Bean will be the guest curator and will reflect upon the mood, the life and the developments in the Utica area from 1946-1964.

On April 28 there will be a Fifties Fashion Show; "More than Just Poodle Skirts." Check out the clothes *of our parents.*

In Hamilton's History

Sixty Years Ago

Registration for the academic year 1933-34 reached an all-time high of 469 students. Eighty students registered as members of the senior class, 89 in the Junior class, 140 in the Sophomore class, and 160 in the Freshman class. Most of the men who enrolled were from public high schools rather than preparatory schools.

Fifteen Years Ago

Many Hamiltonians attended a speech given by singer Anita Bryant as she addressed the Northeastern Right to LifeCongress in the Utica Memorial Auditorium. In her speech Bryant stated, "Sometimes God put people on earth to do his work whom others regard as fools. If that's the case, well, I'm God's fool."

Five Years Ago

Students, faculty and members of the Hamilton community gathered for the dedication of the Hans H. Schambach center for music and the Performing Arts and the Carol Woodhouse Wellin performance hall. The first concert was given by Grammy Award winning vocalist Bobby McFerrin ("Don't Worry Be Happy").

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-Missy Wiechmann '97 in response to the question "What is the date today?".

"If he had any more fetishes, he'd be legally insane."
-Anonymous female in reference to her boyfriend.

"If I see my name in the spec, I'll f***ing kill you!"
-Liz Brooks '98 to Greg Gardner '96.

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PERSONALS

To the homophobic idiots that keep dialing 1256-

More than one person lives at that apartment (none of whom enjoys prank calls). Not everyone in that apartment is non- heterosexual. However, everyone in that apartment hates ignorance and unnecessary violence. Stop the prank calls. Stop playing with the car. Stop the threats.

-Angry and annoyed

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Just a quick note to see how you are doing. I know we broke up a while ago, but I miss your sweet embrace. We should weekend together somewhere romantic. It'll be just like old times. What do you say? Call me to make arrangements. Love always.

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Loser, Slut, Whore. Lets play with all those purple toys some more. I like it when I can't see, it makes life more interesting. Anytime you want, I'm always a fiend.

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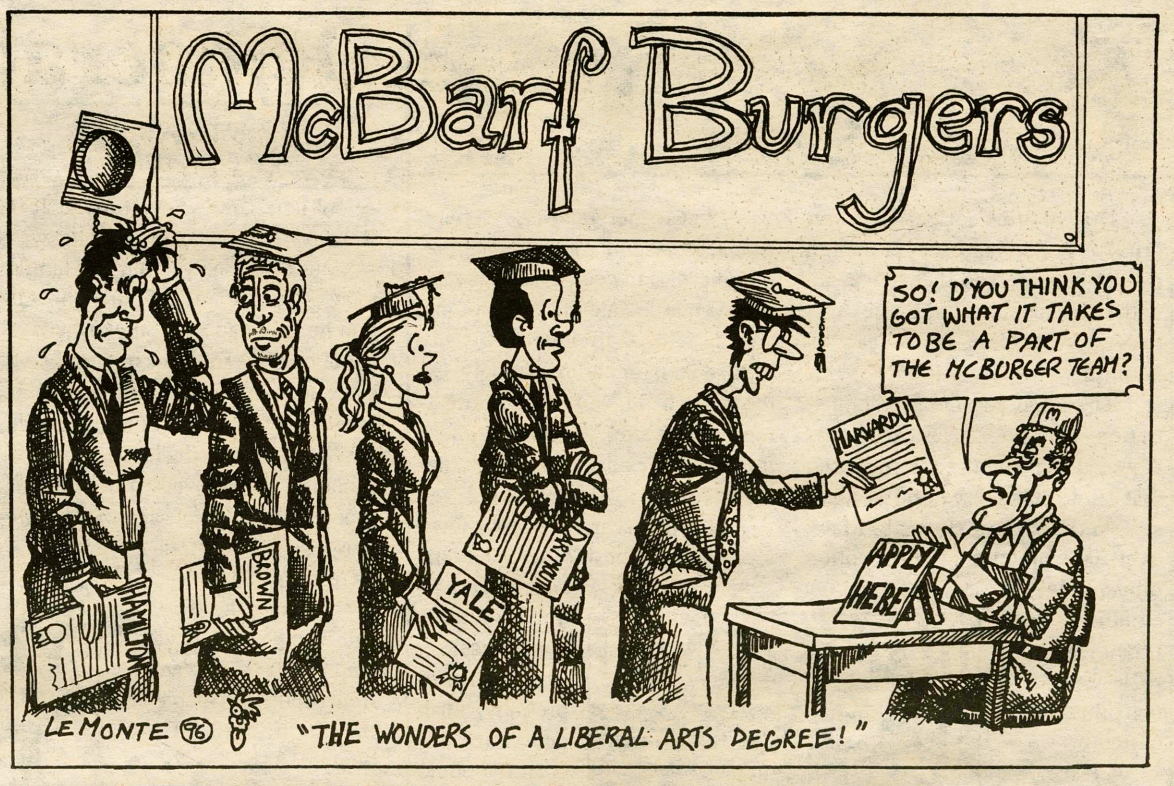

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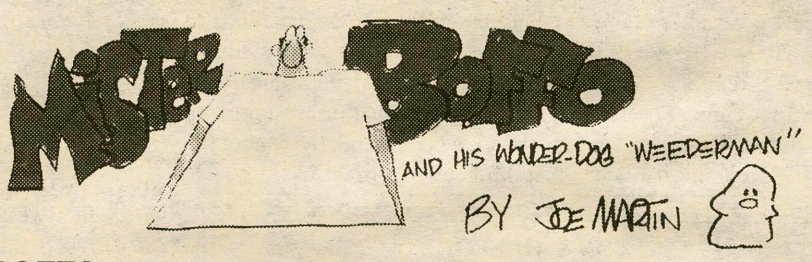

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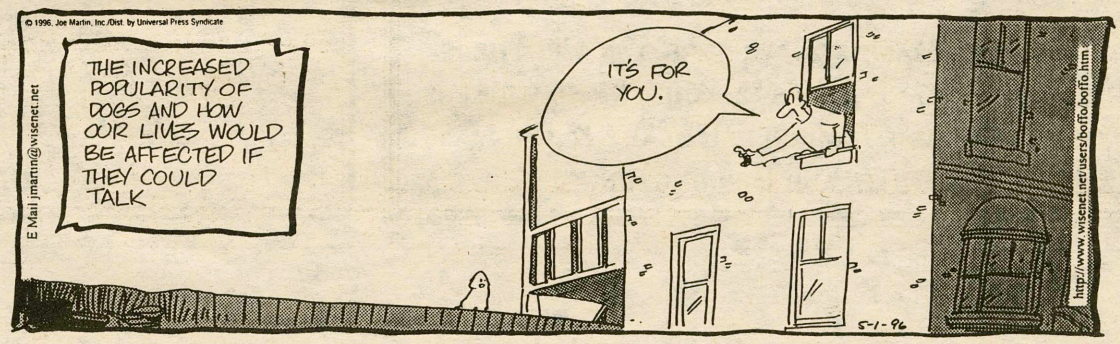
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One of these names is just like the other

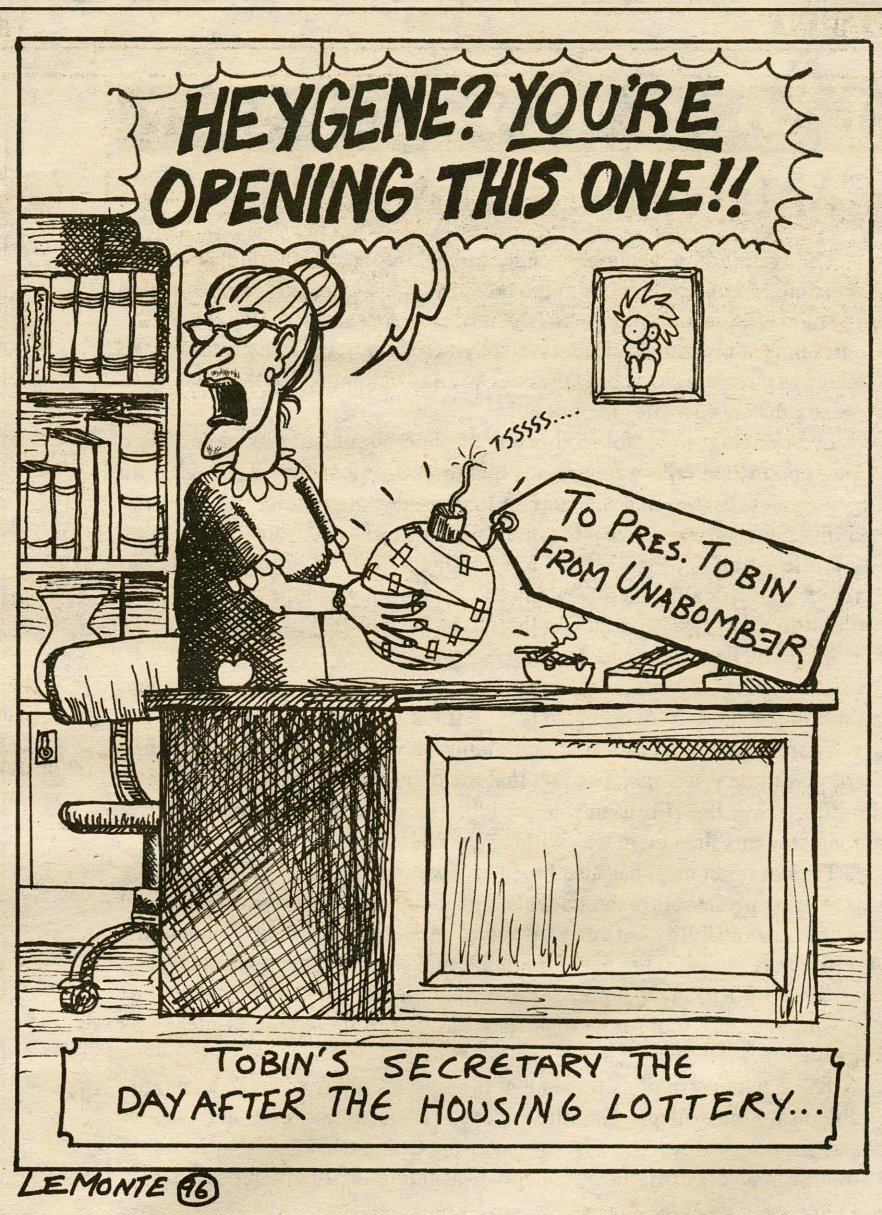
BARI ALTBERG
ANYONE'S TAKE

It's probably safe to say Theodore J. Kacyznski is the unabomber when you find two bombs identical to those used in the Unabomber's attack, in his house. The evidence that leads authorities now to believe that they have caught the Unabomber comes from these two bombs, plus other items found in Mr. Kaczynski's Montana cabin. In addition to the many letters he had written to his family that sounded similar to the Unabomber's antitechnology manifesto printed in the papers, Mr. Kaczynski had a seven-year correspondence with a Mexican farmhand in which he explicitly describes his life in Montana. Mr. Sanchez was an acquaintance of Mr. Kaczynski's brother, David, whom he had met while buying property in West Texas. Mr. Sanchez is a 68-year old peasant from Chihuahua. In is letters, Theodore states that he is much like Mr. Sanchez in the fact that the two are both reclusive individuals who need minimal to exist. He describes his fascination with Pancho Villa to Mr. Sanchez in the many letters that he wrote over the years, and it is this fascination that has enabled Mr. Kaczynski to live like a bandit with hardly any food or money. However, the two men could not be more different.

Theodore Kaczynski was a Harvard graduate, extremely astute in the field of mathematics. He later went on to teach at the University of California at Berkeley. On the other hand, Mr. Sanchez is a man who has learned the meaning of hard labor. With only two years of formal schooling, Mr. Sanchez has done several different jobs to earn a living. In 1988, David Kaczynski hired Mr. Sanchez for odd jobs in the desert mountains of West Texas. However, soon afterwards, Mr. Sanchez broke his leg. Therefore, his main intentions of correspondence with Theodore Kaczynski were to try and get financial help. Theodore responded to this request with an agreement to try to get help, but in the mean time, they became consistent pen pals. And so began a correspondence on the same paper that authorities found to have been used for the Unabomber's bomb-making notes.

The fifty letters that Mr. Sanchez received during the seven-year correspondence never spoke of any hatred that Theodore had for technology or for society's changes with technology. Instead, his letters talked about his simple life in which he tried to stay out of the mainframe of society as much as possible. He asked Mr. Sanchez about the Mexican history and especially about Pancho Villa. It is odd that a graduate of Harvard University should come to be in the impoverished and simple state that Theodore Kaczynski was in. This surprise was taken as disappointment by his parents and other family members. They had expressed their disapproval in Theodore for leaving his job at Berkeley for a life of simplicity in Lincoln, Montana. This disapproval, also might be one of the underlying reasons why Theodore cut off his relations with his parents and did not come to them for help.

Whatever the real reasons that lie behind why Theodore Kaczynski became the Unabomber, we may never know. But, from the evidence that the authorities have found so far, from the letters of correspondence to his family and Mr. Sanchez, and from the unwanting belief by his family that he is the Unabomber, it seems most positive to say that Mr. Kaczynski and the Unabomber are the same.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EDITORIAL

Contrived Community

The Hamilton *Community* seems to have replaced Hamilton *College*. According to most references in the recent years, we are no longer students or administrators or professors, we are now members of the Hamilton Community. This contrived label is strewn across most of the literature of the College as if it were a way of expressing joy and belonging for the close bond we share because we are 'members'.

In an attempt to establish this community, administrators have forced policies upon their fellow community members in order to prevent them from engaging in activities that run counter to their idea of community. What the administrators fail to realize is that the policies they have enforced do nothing to nurture community and have, in fact, angered those who they wish to embrace. Specifically, the off-campus housing policy and the common meal prohibit students from conducting their lives the way they wish and in a way that would be detrimental to no one.

Prohibiting students from living where they choose is an asinine policy, prohibiting seniors from doing so is iniquitous.

There is no more a sense of community at Hamilton College now than there was three years ago. The fact that the majority of students now live in dormitories on the Hill hasn't created any more of a feeling of solidarity among students than there was without the off campus living restriction.

The common meal has also failed as a way to unite Hamilton. The idea was to bring professors to the students. The faculty have successfully dodged this new responsibility but carry on appearances by bringing students to the Azel Backus House. This new separation makes meal time as exclusive as ever. This is not to say that professors do not interact with students, they just don't interact any more now than they did before the common meal was mandated.

These two restrictions on student options are interwoven as economic problems for the College. Hamilton needs to fill its dormitories, and it needs to pay for the meal service. The only way the College has found to do this is to require adherence to policies that, given a preference, many students would not choose.

Flexibility must be the goal of the new requirements if the College is to create the content community that it desires. Off campus permission must be granted to seniors who want it. Problems may arise from year to year because all the campus rooms are not filled, but over time a system can be worked out that Residential Life and students can both live with. Diversify the housing options.

The common meal is pointless and should be done away with. There should be several meal plans that all students can choose from. Hamilton students are old enough to know themselves and their lifestyle well enough to pick the meal plan that best suits them. Diversify the meal plan options.

It is a grand, yet very unrealistic notion that a Hamilton community will be established by all the students sitting down to a meal together and then adjourning to their rooms to finish the mealtime discussion. After a semester we can see that it doesn't work. The community the College envisions may even be an impossible goal, but it will certainly not be created by decree.

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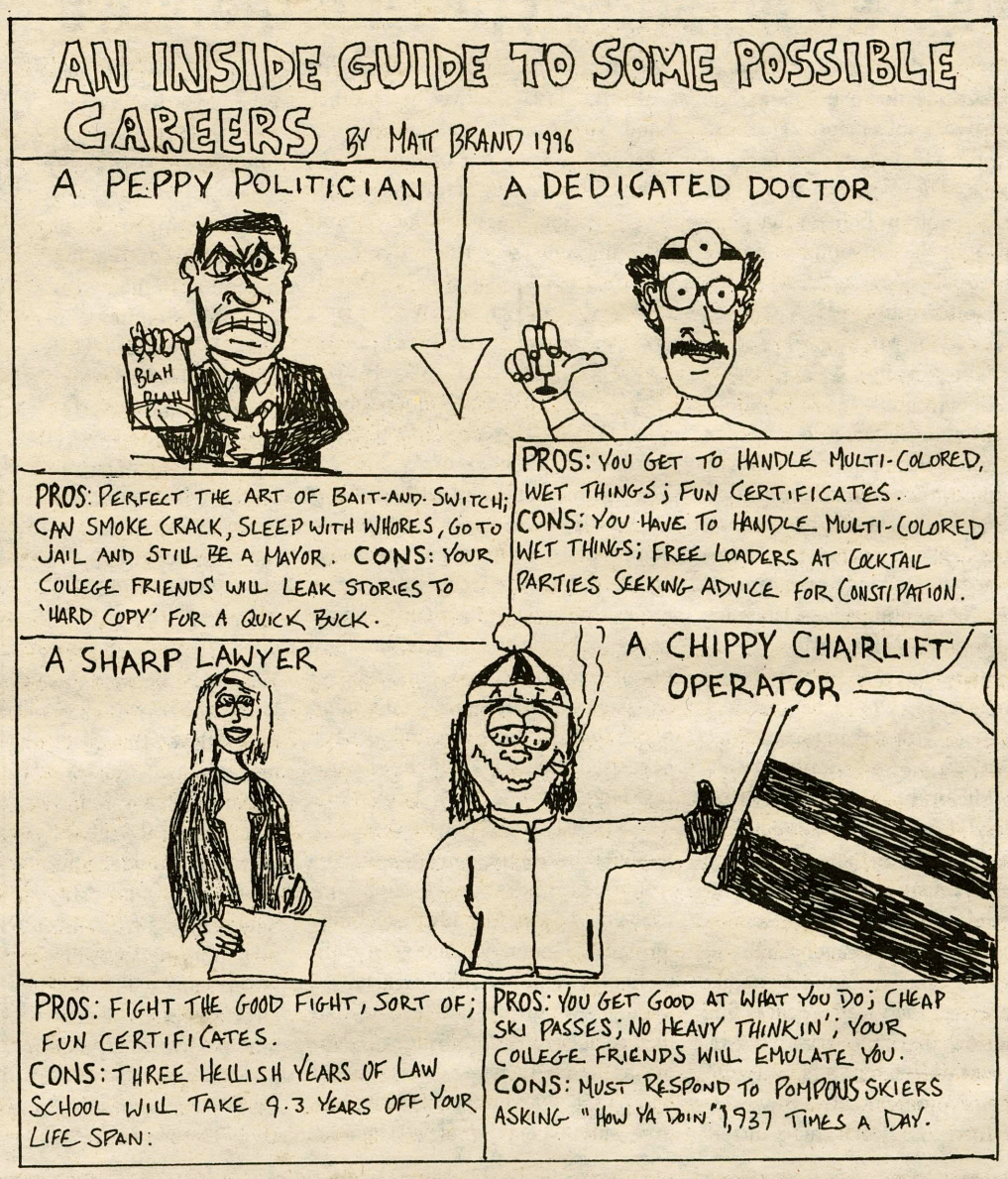
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

No Springfest . . . Hmmm?

To The Editor:

The Campus Activities Board (CAB) would like to formally explain why there will, unfortunately, be no Springfest on Saturday, April 27. The Athletic Department gave CAB the use of the Field House for only one date (4/27) this spring. For those of you with little knowledge of or no experience in programming, the process for booking a Big Name Concert involves many steps which begin by providing a middle agent with three or four possible dates for a major concert. The next step is to develop a list of potential bands which are being considered. This list is given to the middle agent who then contacts the agents of the individual bands to find out if they are available on any of the given dates. With only one date possible for a major concert, CAB was already at a disadvantage because bands are booked every day at different locations, and cannot always travel the necessary distance in such a short amount of time, i.e. routing plays a major role in whether or not a band is available. Another problem CAB encountered is that many of the bands students wanted to see are not touring in the Northeast, are not playing at colleges, or are not touring in the spring at all. This happened to be the case more often than not. In fact, if you were to examine the spring concert schedule it has been one of the weaker schedules in many years.

Once CAB was able to narrow down the list of potential bands, the only bands that were still available were ones that we did not feel would satisfy the requests and desires of the student body. This was after efforts were made to book Widespread Panic, Barenaked Ladies, They Might be Giants and Godstreet Wine. CAB decided that it was simply not worth the enormous amount of money and resources (i.e., students to work the show) required to run a Big Name Concert if the student body would not be satisfied with the band. We realize that this comes as a great disappointment to many students, and want you to now that we too are quite frustrated and disappointed with the situation. However, CAB is looking to work with the Athletic Department to get at least four dates to obtain the use of the Field House for a major concert in the fall. We hope that this comes to fruition.

One of the other options that CAB is looking into is developing a relationship with the Stanley Theatre in Utica. Similar to Siena College which has booked shows at the Palace Theatre in Albany, CAB hopes to be able to use this facility to give us more flexibility in landing major shows. This past year Siena has brought among others, Natalie Merchant and Billy Joel to the area. This past year, we were contacted about the Dave Matthews acoustic tour in February. Because we did not have a facility large enough to book this show, we had to pass while other schools like Siena and William Smith were successful in their bids. Hopefully such a relationship would allow us to bring a great talent like Dave Matthews to the area in the future.

Springfest is a week long celebration which many organizations have worked hard to develop; CAB encourages you to take advantage of all the planning. Some of CAB's contributions to the week include John Gorka and Lucy Kaplansky (Acoustic Coffeehouse) on Tuesday 4/23 at 8pm in the Barn, Virtual Reality on Thursday 4/25 from 5pm to 11pm in the Beinecke Student Activities Village, and Comedian Lance Montalto on Friday 4/26 at 8pm in the Barn. CAB would like to thank everyone for a great year and encourages you to get involved with social programming at Hamilton. If interested, come to our meetings on Wednesdays at 7pm in the basement of Bristol and/or apply for a position on the CAB Executive Board for next year. Applications are available at the Bristol Campus Center front desk beginning Monday 4/15 and are due Friday 4/19.

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Housing lottery, course registration: the bureaucracy continues

With three weeks left in school, spring is upon us; if this is not true in terms of the weather it definitely is with the yearly bureaucracy. The influx of seasonal red tape is well illustrated in via the not-so-cherished traditions of course registration and the housing lottery.

The housing lottery has long been a source of chaos, tension, annoyance and most of all confusion at Hamilton College. It is regularly featured in frustrated conversations, articles, and even a song sung by the Buffers. Their lyrics mock the event through the adventures of a rising junior who "works real hard and gets good grades", but still can not get the housing he wants. I thought that given the new residential life plan, it might be less of a frustrating situation this year; unfortunately, Hamilton followed its year and a half long trend and disappointed me. The first problem arose with the housing pamphlet that we all received in the mail. The title, "Building Community: Peace by Piece" thoroughly annoyed me, not to mention it did not make much sense. The term "peace" implies that there are warring factions on our campus currently. This is true, but the ideological differences that result from the lottery are mostly between students and the administration, not within the student body. Providing us with a booklet filled with fancy computer clip art and cute subtitles will not solve the fundamental problem of the same poor

BEN MINTZ
GREY MATTERS

options and obbing of our freedom to eat and live where we want. As for the actual wording of the title, while it is a nice play on words, I do not even understand what it is attaining to say.

However, my qualms extend beyond petty annoyance at a brochure's title. My second objection was less of a criticism and more of a grim reminder. The notice on tables referring to the fifty students who would be allowed to live off campus was a grim reminder of the res-life decision and the fact that my year and future classes would probally be denied the quintessential college experience of living on our own in an apartment. The section on the meal plan pointed out that there are only four places on campus where one can live and only eat Bon Appetit five times a week. It is preposterous to force so many students to eat in the dining halls and supply such poor food. In addition, it is asinine to prohibit students from cooking their own meals when they are given kitchen facilities. This gripe is especially true in places such as the suites which have full facilities so close to home. What is the purpose of giving seven or eight students a full sized refrigerator and cooking area and then forcing them to eat an inferior product. The blocking lottery is run with no logic. The poorly publicized sign-up date is before numbers are even given out; this is a problem I have noticed in many of the special lotteries. The decision of whether to live in a block or "special residence" is often based on the number given and the alternatives it allows. Many people would rather live in a block in Carnegie, than an isolated double in Bundy, but also would would prefer a Farmhouse Apartment to a block of quads and doubles. One should know their options before being forced into a living commitment for a year. The quarters themselves are becoming increasingly bad as the school scrambles to compensate for the miscalculations of the reslife decision by singles into doubles and performing ill planned and executed construction of new rooms. The law suit against the school claims that the reslife decision gives Hamilton a monopoly on room and board and they take advantage of this position and supply an inferior product. In light of the lottery, this assertion has gained validity.

Registration, too, provides a bit of headache. One must wait in line for hours gripping the precious yellow card and watching the dry-erase board in agonizing pain as classes become closed out. In addition, the break-providing, refreshments were absent from this year's procedings. A definite positive aspect of registration is that it is definitely a great opportunity to see your entire class in one place; this does not really occur at any other time except for a few hours during Orientation and a few hours during graduation. It would be more fun if we had more of a cocktail hour environment during the wait. The change would definitely lighten the mood and people would be a lot less upset if they were shut out of the classes that they desired. Perhaps, it could be a reception/line specifically for seniors during their final registration, complete with champagne, hors-dvoures and semiformal attire. However, in all seriousness , I think that we have a well run registration. An hour or so sitting in line talking to your friends is not too bad compared to the situation at some other schools. For example, I have a friend who attends Rutgers University, the state college of New Jersey; he explained to me that when he registers, he must do it by phone. After, several busy signals reminiscent of Ticketron, he must use a computerized phone system and punch his course numbers into the phone's keypad. If he is lucky, this is the end, if the computer crashes, which happens often, the process may involve an entire day of playing with the phone and hitting redial.

While some things on the Hill have changed (although not necessarily for better), many stay the same. Such is true for registration and the lottery. Upon further reflection, the lottery is not a necessary evil, since the alternatives are far worse,. I can not say the same for the fiasco known as the housing lottery. It is yet another thing at Hamilton College that was slightly askew between the second world war and March of 1995, but is now extremely askew. Hamilton's administration must realize that if they are to remove something, they must then must replace it with something equal or better.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Keehn to "secede from Hamilton and the Union"

To The Editor:

We the people of Keehn Cooperative hereby secede from Hamilton College and the Union of the United States of America. When the oppressive forces of the Union and the College usurp our individual and collective freedoms to pursue eudaimonia, it is not only our right, but our duty to eliminate the forces of oppression. Over the last few years there has been a shift in Hamilton College and federal policy toward manipulation, homogeneity and banality. Our mission is to fight against the mediocrity that perniciously infiltrates our campus and world at large.

We invite all comrades of the struggle against the usurpation of our natural and inalienable rights to join us. We will not tolerate the institutionalization of mediocrity that permeates college and governmental policy. Our struggle is against the desecration of the transcendental ego and our collective humanity for capital gain in the form of hedonist practices through the ostentations edifices and the appropriation of our freedoms. We cannot tolerate the imposition of dominant ideological practices any further. We do not act for self-interest, but the love of ourselves and our fellow creatures that inhabit this sphere. A totalitarian state is not conducive to the liberal arts education we are here to pursue. We lace freedom, personal expression and the liberties that channels the self towards conformity to the octopus of world capitalism.

With tears in our eyes, we strive forward against these currents because only dead fish go with the flow. A wise man by the name of Aristotle once said: "Governments which have a regard to the common interest are constituted in accordance with strict principles of justice, and are therefore true forms; but those which regard only the interest of the rulers are all defective and perverted forms, for they are despotic, whereas a state is a community of free people."

People, not profits.

Taylor Richey '96
Marc Brown '96

Library's crash rectified in time for term papers

To The Editor:

We would like to thank all of you for your patience while our library network was temporarily down this week. Although we could still help you with your research by using our print sources, all networked databases, such as our CD-ROMs and FirstSearch were unavailable to you for a week. It would not have been unusual for some tempers to flair occasionally, but that did not happen once. We are sorry for the inconvenience that the down time caused you, but we truly appreciate your patience and understanding while we worked to restore the system.

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REEVE SCHLEY

The war on drugs is a farce. It is a lie to say that it is possible to stop, or even harness an industry that grosses over a hundred billion dollars a year. What is more ludicrous, is the U.S. government mandate to Latin America, demanding these governments to bring down their numerous cartels. These cartels have far greater economic and military resources than some Latin American governments. The cartels essentially serve as national security, often paying off up to half of law enforcement officials.[1] In short, the cartels are the unseen government. The Pentagon has sent hundreds of CIA and DEA agents to Latin America in an effort to curtail the abundance of illegal drugs that enter the U.S. each day. However, while the U.S. government spends billions of dollars to fight the drug war, its soldiers have aligned with the enemy. This point is shown unequivocally by the recent defection of nine CIA agents in Colombia to the Cali Cartel. As of 1989 the United States government starting spending over a billion dollars annually on this war, and yet the number people that use cocaine on a weekly basis is the same today as it was in 1989. Is this headway on the war on drugs? The leader of the Atlantic Command, a Pentagon crusade to admonish illegal drugs from penetrating U.S. borders, humbly admitted, "We have not had a significant impact on either the influx of drugs into or use in the U.S." He admits that it is impossible to detect drugs shipments carried by two person nuclear submarines[2]. Known as "nightwalkers" these vessels have become the primary method of smuggling cocaine into the U.S. He also goes on to say that the seizure of drugs has little social benefit because it drives up drug prices, while forcing addicts to engage in larcenous activities to finance their habit. Also, although on the surface taking a pusher of the street appears beneficial to society, he states that in practice it is only a matter of seconds before an eager lackey takes the pusher's place.

We propose that illicit drugs be placed in the hands of doctors. This would eliminate small time drug dealers and international cartels, finance health care reform and drug education for American youths, and place drug distribution in the hands of people that care. The government can make drugs for a minute fraction of what they cost now. For instance, to make an ounce of cocaine costs roughly ten cents. By placing drugs in the hands of doctors, who would be able to prescribe them to qualified addicts. In doing so, the middle men who serve as liaisons between cartels and addicts would be eliminated. It is these people who roam school yards, finance gang operations, and are accountable for inflated drug prices. As a result, the pusher will have no place on the streets and will pursue other lines of work such as librarians or aviation technicians.

With narcotic distribution at the discretion of certified medical proprietors, doctors would be able to monitor addict's consumption. While doctors can impress upon addicts the physical ramifications of extended use, they can taper their usage and place addicts in support groups. Critics to this system argue that there would be no assurance that doctors would not turn to corruption given their new responsibility. Yet, don't doctors have the ability to prescribe such highly addictive drugs as morphine, codeine, valium, percocet, and vicadine right now? Who is better suited to distribute drugs - a street pusher or a doctor with a degree in medicine? Perhaps the most positive impact of legalization would be an education system that would candidly address the problems related to consumption. This education would be financed by the billion dollars per year now spent on preventing the flow of drugs into the U.S. Also annual net exports, presently hindering our economy, would increase by 100 billion dollars. Only after drugs are legal will our society be able to benefit from the silent assassin that is slaughtering our culture.

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[1] Professor Rodney Camp, head of Latin American Studies at Tulane University. Professor Camp is an advisor to President Clinton on U.S. policy in Mexico.

[2] Wilson, H. *Drugs in America*, p.11

DAVID TOWNSEND

To legalize drugs is to admit defeat at the hands of the moral corruption that has taken hold of our country. Arguments for legalization find themselves buried in sophistic attempts at rationalization. The nation must continue to outlaw addictive drugs because it has a compelling interest in protecting the health of its citizens. A country cannot allow its population to degenerate into an addicted populace that does nothing but drain public funds. Some of the European models that many look to as success stories are pathetic representations of nations that have given up the struggle.

An argument which is commonly used in favor of the legalization of drugs is that the drug trade generates uncontrollable crime at home and abroad. Many tend to believe that the most effective way of eliminating drug related crime is by legalizing those substances. While this might be an easy and appealing solution, we have to wonder whether surrendering in the war against drugs is the best way in which the state can stop these breeches of the law. Is it not more reasonable for the government to elevate its fight on crime? We need to find a new angle of attack before we surrender.

Another argument those who advocate the legalization of drugs use is that all drugs combined do not kill nearly as many people a year in the United States as alcohol and tobacco are reported to kill. To those people I ask whether we need dangerous narcotics to be as easily accessible as these legal drugs are. If they are such killers, why do we want to bring more poisons into society? Because *some* deadly substances are legal is a poor argument for introducing several more. Could you imagine being a parent and worrying about your children drinking alcohol, snorting cocaine and injecting heroin? Let's save parents the worrying.

Drug legalization advocates claim if drugs are legalized an effective way to control their distribution is by selling them only through government agencies or with the assistance of doctors. First of all, the government should not be spending tax dollars trying to create distribution networks for the substances which have already drained so much from American society. Instead, we should continue to fight this plague. Secondly, it would be very sad and ironic if it were the nation's doctors in charge of distributing these substances. After all, the damage to a person's health is unlike any other. Being in charge of distributing these poisons would undoubtedly contradict exactly what it means to be a doctor.

Furthermore, the majority of people who advocate the legalization of drugs do not do so because it will prevent crime or because it will slow down the corrosion of our society. Rather, the majority of Americans believe that drugs should be legalized simply because they are somehow "demonized" and made to seem worse than they are for a person's health and to society in general. They argue that people will continue to use drugs and so they might as well be legal to allow society to profit from them. If the government were ever to legalize drugs for these reasons we would be allowing the destruction of our moral fabric only because 'everyone is doing it.'. This type of band-wagon argument is ridiculous. I agree that society would profit from such a move in the short run, but how much will the United States profit in the future from a society which is addicted to deadly substances due to its government's weak stance and cowardice?

I refuse to accept that our nation should allow drugs to find a legal foothold in our society. We must continue to protect our citizens from their own destructive tendencies, and we must accept the responsibility of telling ourselves and our children that drugs are not acceptable. Let's not give in to the attractive, yet dangerous ideas that drugs are part of the human experience and to not condone them is to deny a valuable experience. Sobriety is the lifestyle we should teach, if only for physical health. If murder became an uncontrollable problem for our country, would we legalize it? We owe it to ourselves to keep drugs illegal.

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High-yield farming: Must we pollute to produce?

In my last article I argued that modern high-yield farming doesn't deserve the bad reputation that it has among most environmentalists. Traditional farming, which uses much more land, may actually be worse overall for the environment, and what's more, could not feed today's population. To minimize the enormous impact of farming on the Earth, we need to improve high-yield farming, not turn back the clock. As I suggested in my last article, if we're going to make high-yield farming sustainable for the long term, we do need to deal with two of its biggest problems: overreliance on inorganic fertilizers and chemical pesticides.

To most Americans, fertilizer probably means green bags of turfbuilder in the garage. Now, I grant you that one lawn is not a big threat to the global environment; but multiply those bags in the garage by the billions of similar bags used on lawns and on farms worldwide, and pretty soon you're looking at a really major problem. Whole ecosystems are under stress; the soil itself is threatened.

Unlike organic fertilizers, such as manure, inorganic fertilizers rarely contain more than three of the sixteen elements crops generally require; they sacrifice soil texture and water-holding capacity by killing bacteria and by not adding humus. In the huge quantities they are used, they inevitably wash into and fertilize waterways, where algae blooms can take over original ecosystems. Nitrogen compounds, the main active ingredients in inorganic fertilizers, contaminate well water with nitrates. (In Iowa most rural wells test positive for nitrate contamination.) These nitrogen fertilizer compounds are derived from natural gas and require large amounts of additional fossil fuel as energy for their production.

Clearly, reducing inorganic fertilizer use is a good idea. The good news is that there *are* alternatives. Manuring; rotating crops with legumes; using crop wastes; spreading sewage sludge on fields; and controlling the erosion of fertile soil—all these can cut inorganic fertilizer use. Science too can help us; we're now able to breed crops that use less fertilizer, and we hope to breed crops that make it themselves, as legumes do.

PETER KELLY

RESONABLE RESOLUTIONS

The bad news is that these strategies are not always enough. Many soils, especially those in Africa, need more nutrients than present-day organic techniques can provide. Environmentalists should not jeopardize their reputation with irresponsible radical views on fertilizer. If we simply eliminated inorganic fertilizer, without increasing the use of any substitutes, farms would have to expand into twice as much land—an impossibility.

The environmental case against pesticides is stronger. In order to kill weeds, bugs, and the like, pesticides, of course, have to be poisonous. We hear a lot about the residues they leave on food, but these are tiny and not the main issue. The real problems begin with the farmers themselves. In 1991, 1,225 pesticide poisonings on farms were reported in the U.S. The World Health Organization estimates that the world figure is 3 million poisonings per year; in less-developed countries, few precautions are taken. None of this includes long-term effects on health, which are unknown, but probably serious. And farmers are not the only ones in danger. Pesticides run off from fields, poisoning soils, waterways, and groundwater. It's an indication of the seriousness of this problem that all pesticides used in the U.S. must be treated as hazardous waste at landfills. Yet how pesticides are to be used on farms is essentially unregulated, with little more than warning labels on their bags. Even worse, we allow pesticides that are banned in the U.S. to be exported to nations with less strict regulations. Banned in the U.S. should mean banned for export from the U.S. also.

Insecticides (20% of U.S. pesticides) are the most hazardous pesticides, and they can't even be counted on to increase crop yields. Despite far greater pesticide use, losses of U.S. corn to insects actually increased from 3.5% in 1945 to 12% in 1992. Part of the reason is that in 1945, most U.S. corn was grown with crop rotation; crop rotation works by stopping the growth of the populations of insects specialized to particular crops, such as corn. Also, the overuse of insecticides has aggravated the problem by killing off the natural enemies of pests, and by selecting for the pests resistant to chemicals. Today, most of the world's major insect pests, and many weeds and fungal diseases as well, are resistant to at least one synthetic pesticide. That means that even new pesticides that are designed to break down quickly will have serious long-term effects. Though gone from the ecosystem, their effects will live on in genetically altered insect populations. Overusing pesticides today means that insects will develop resistance to chemicals that we will need for future agricultural emergencies, and to fight insect-borne diseases such as malaria. In fact, malaria is already on the increase because of insect resistance to insecticides.

And finally, pesticides are uneconomical. According to a 1989 survey, 76% of U.S. farmers who had cut back on pesticide use saw profits increase. Fortunately, there are ways to get off the "pesticide treadmill." Farmers have scores of techniques to reduce pesticide use—from more efficient delivery systems, to mowing weeds, to introducing spiders and wasps. The best way to reduce insecticide use is with integrated pest management (IPM)—an ecological approach that seeks not to eradicate insects, but to keep their numbers just at the point where more control efforts would be uneconomical. IPM programs can include everything from crop rotation to the introduction of natural enemies. Since the programs are tailored to individual circumstances, they can also work well in less-developed countries. Indonesia's IPM program cut pesticide use 60% and increased rice yields 15%. IPM does not reject pesticides entirely, but rather considers them a last resort.

All of us are going to have to take responsibility for making agriculture better for the environment. Technical changes on farms are necessary, but must be complemented by widespread changes in both personal habits and social structures. This is a huge subject, but I'll mention just two points here.

First, we Americans need to eat less meat and fewer processed foods. It takes on average ten units of energy to put a unit of food energy on the table in the U.S. Most of this energy goes into either food processing or the growing of feed for animals. High energy use is not an inevitable consequence of high-yield farming. By eating less meat and more of locally produced foods, we could use far less energy to produce our food without going back to low-yielding traditional farming techniques. (Getting more meat out of the grain we feed to animals isn't the answer. We're already close to the practical limits set by the laws of nature.)

Second, we need to support foreign-aid programs that put local people in the less-developed countries in control of their land. No matter how much we encourage environmentally sound techniques, many poor farmers without land rights will knowingly exploit the land to get a few seasons of crops. In contrast, farmers with land rights see themselves as stewards of the land and plan for the future. A dramatic example of this is a village in Rajasthan, India, where the village council gained control of the land and wrote its own land-use plan. The land is now an oasis, green with crops even during droughts.

We Americans have become so detached from the land that we have a hard time thinking about these issues. Amidst all the cliches about the "information age," we tend to forget that farming is still the main enterprise of humanity. Roughly half of the world's workers are farmers. Even in the U.S., where there are relatively few farmers, we have a *huge* area under cultivation—something like two-and-a-half times the area of Texas. (Including grazing land would double this figure.) Next time you're sitting in front of your computer, pause for a moment to consider your vital self-interest in keeping the Earth healthy. A healthy Earth will keep us all fed—megabytes will not.

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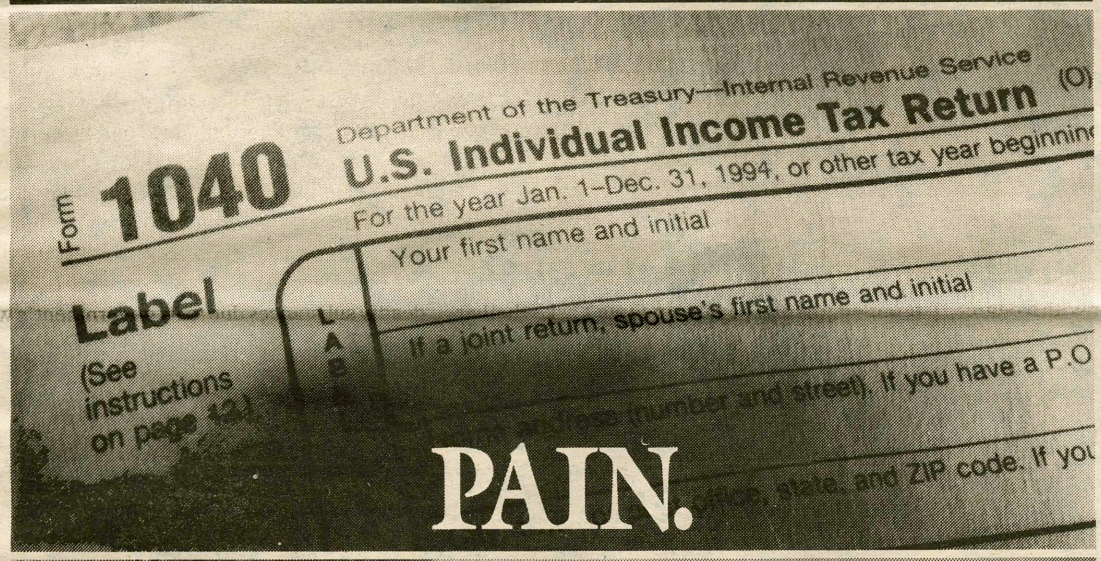
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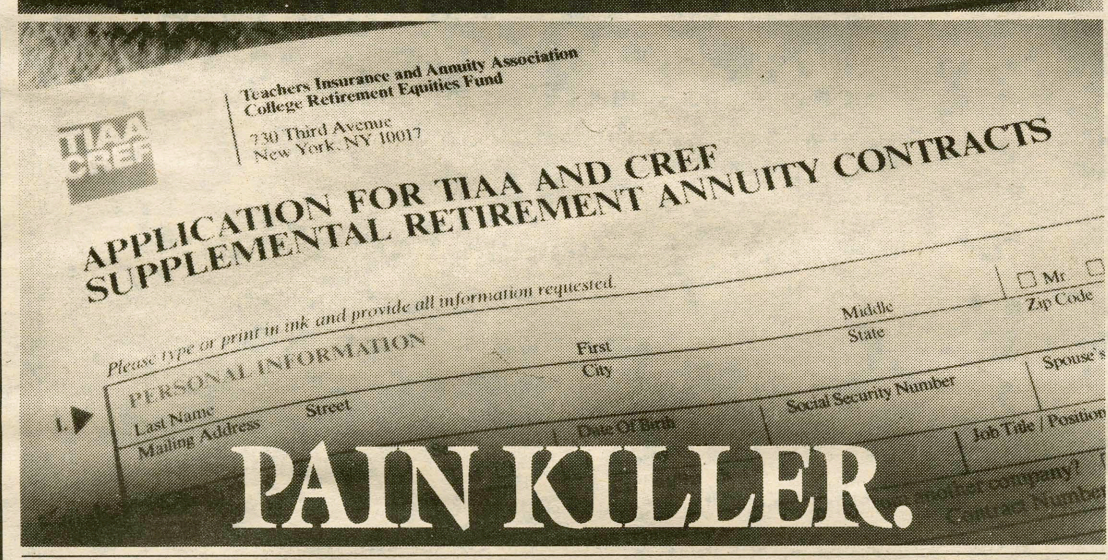

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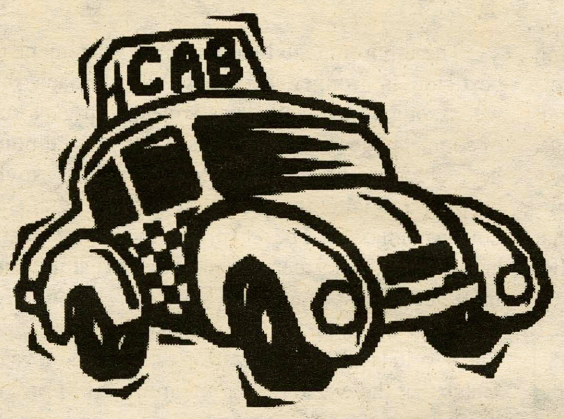

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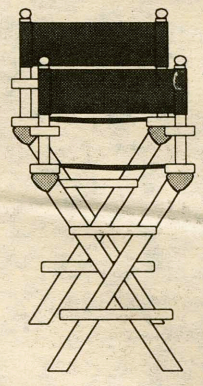
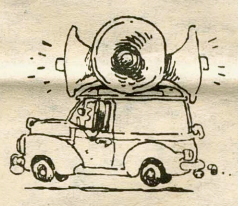


Co-Chair - 2 Positions

The two Co-Chair positions are the leadership positions within the Campus Activities Board. The Co-Chairs are responsible for the effective operation of the Campus Activities Board which includes running weekly executive board and CAB meetings, advising coordinators, coordinating recruitment and retention of CAB members, developing and managing budgets, and representing CAB to the Hamilton College community to name just a few.

Office Coordinator/ Historian

The Office Coordinator/Historian is responsible for recording all meeting minutes, distributing agendas, developing and maintaining a list of all CAB members, developing and maintaining a portfolio of CAB events including press information and evaluations, developing a yearly CAB yearbook, taking photographs of events and CAB activities. This position is an integral part of the CAB organization.



Publicity Coordinator

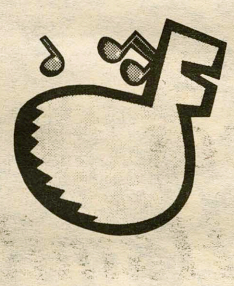
The Publicity Coordinator is responsible for all public relations and promotional efforts for CAB. This person works with local media, including *The Spectator, The Clinton Courier, WHCL-FM* as well as The Office of Communication and Development. The individual elected for this position will also play a pivotal role in advising the programming committees in their promotional efforts. A great opportunity to use your creativity.

Acoustic Coffeehouse Coordinator

The Acoustic Coffeehouse Coordinator is responsible for planning, promoting and presenting CAB's outstanding Acoustic Coffeehouse Series. The coordinator gains experience in working with agents, developing and maintaining budgets, running effective meetings, working with and meeting performers. This is an ideal position for someone who enjoys acoustic based music.

Comedy Coordinator

The Comedy Coordinator works with the comedy committee to bring a diverse selection of comedy to campus. Since everyone has different tastes, the Comedy Coordinator works hard to be sure that these tastes are met. The coordinator also gains experience in working with agents, developing and maintaining budgets, running effective meetings, working with and meeting performers and best of all laughing.



Concert Coordinator

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Special Events/Novelty Coordinator

The Special Events/Novelty Coordinator is responsible for coordinating all those 'other' events that CAB presents, among these is Bingo in the Barn. Working with a committee, the coordinator brings alternative entertainment to campus. The coordinator also gains experience in working with agents, developing and maintaining budgets, running effective meetings, working with and meeting performers.

If you would like to get involved, have FUN and make a difference on campus, we encourage you to pick up an application for any of these positions. CAB is a fairly new organization and we are looking for individuals who would like to be a part of developing a strong organization.

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By Greg Gardner '96
A&E writer

Sexual innuendo, theatre of the absurd, satire of romantic theatre, and an uncountable number of dynamic performances by Hamilton actors and actresses make Georg Büchner's *Leonce and Lena* a don't miss hit at Minor Theatre. Directed by Adrian Giurgea, the play tells of a "melancholy prince," Leonce, (played by Adam Weiss '96 and David Arkema '98) who is to be wed to the Princess Lena (played by Randi Glass '96 and Kristen McGuiness '99), a woman on whom he has never even laid eyes.

In an effort to escape his destiny, Leonce flees the kingdom with his servant Valerio (played by Karin D. Wimbley '97 and Jennifer Walsh '96). While traveling through an unfamiliar country, Leonce encounters a woman with whom he falls utterly and passionately in love. Of course, unbeknownst to either Leonce, she turns out to be none other than the very Lena to which he was betrothed.

The prince and princess are birds of a feather, and the way in which they are portrayed is spectacular. Both sets of actors and actresses complement each other beautifully, and the bond that joins each pair can be strongly felt. Indeed there exists a chemistry between the group, a tribute both to their abilities and Giurgea's directing.

"The play is obsessed with the idea of theatre," notes Giurgea, and constantly pokes fun of the old metaphor that the world is a stage, a notion brought up often in the works of Shakespeare and Cervantes. This is seen most notably in the performance of the King, played brilliantly by Sam Wright '96 and Raphaelle Spencer '97, who is never sure of what to do or who he is, and cannot survive the day without his entourage of advisors and the President of the State Council, a comic role superbly acted by Ronnie Chavarria-Blanco '99.

The obsession with theatre can also readily be seen, as the play itself is seen as a play within a play at times, and one cast will play the dream sequences or mirror images of the other. Even still, the two Leonces seem to transcend these boundaries, and while one scene is reflected by the play behind it, the second Leonce is not always in that scene, but rather accompanies his "real world" counterpart and Valerio, who is the only major character not to have a counterpart in the play within. If this seems confusing, it is only because the play itself is so intensely visual, and must be seen to be fully appreciated.

There is also a very strong element of the puppet, or marionette, theatre in the play, which can be explained again by the adage "all the world's a stage and the men and women merely players."

When the characters become too keenly aware of their marionette status, they seek for a sort of "grace," often alluded to in the form of ice skating, a cool and quiet time. Leonce himself at one point says, "I feel like ice skating in a pair of nankin trousers," and there are a couple of instances where the characters simply mime ice skating. It is representative of the characters' desire to be free from the play of life that God is directing them in. Of course, in the end, none can escape their destiny.

The play's use of space and interaction also serves to enhance the audience's enjoyment, as it begins in the foyer, and the characters use the entire theatre, encompassing the spectators within their web of theatrics. But the characters themselves are also audience members, for when not on stage, they can be found in the benches that line the front of the theatre, watching their fellow thespians.

But as any theatre-goer knows, the technicians' work enhances and illuminates the work of the actors. The lighting and sound were perfectly meshed with the play, and kudos are in order for the technicians and designers like Bill Burd who spent many long hours in the theatre working on the lighting, sound, costumes, and music. Richard Lloyd and Simona Giurgea added a special element to the performance with their captivating singing and music.

Leonce and Lena is a captivating and hysterical play that never fails to entertain. Between the brilliant acting and the magnificent technical work, there is never a dull moment in the evening.

And for all you whiners who say you can't sit that long, don't worry. The play is so captivating and engrossing, that intermission and the end come too soon for any observer in Minor Theater.

Büchner's
Leonce and Lena
Directed by Adrian Giurgea

CAST
KING PETER
Raphaelle Spencer & Sam Wright
PRINCE LEONCE
Adam Weiss & David Arkema
PRINCESS LENA
Randi Glass & Kristen McGuiness
VALERIO
Jennifer Walsh & Karin D. Wimbley
GOVERNESS
Becky Harp & Heather Tesoriero
TUTOR
Jenna Corwin & Pamela Loshak
MASTER OF CEREMONIES
Joshua Van Dyne
PRESIDENT of the STATE COUNCIL
Ronnie Chavarria-Blanco
COURT CHAPLAIN
Pamela Loshak
MAGISTRATE
Kate Goodell
SCHOOLMASTER
Jenna Corwin & Kate Goodell
ROSETTA
Amanda Fox
POLICEMEN
Lori Eaton & Ronnie Chavarria-Blanco

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Artwork pictured by Simona Giurgea

Gulezian wows Coffeehouse

By Phil Skalski '99
A&E writer

The Acoustic Coffeehouse Series continued this past Thursday night as Michael Gulezian and the Woods Tea Co. took the stage in the Events Barn..As students and others filtered through the doors, they grabbed cups of coffee, tea and cocoa - settling around the tables in front of the stage.

Gulezian began at 8:15 with an energetic and intricate instrumental piece - displaying his technical virtuosity on both six and twelve-string guitars. Donning old jeans, sneakers and a Wake Forest sweatshirt, Gulezian swayed and rocked in his chair with closed eyes, seeming to be one with the music that echoed from his guitar. After the first piece, he talked briefly about his style. He described it as a mix of jazz, blues, bluegrass with a hint of classical.

With a fidgety, "aw-shucks" stage presence, Gulezian told jokes and stories between his songs commenting that many of his experiences were inspirations for his instrumental/vocal pieces. One story was of a summer spent working on a cattle ranch in Arizona with cowboys, about which he strongly remembered the intense heat and fatigue. His hour-long performance was met with applause, cheers and smiles as he left the stage. During intermission, the crowd stretched and refilled their coffee, preparing for the second act.

At 9:30, the Woods Tea Co., a trio from Vermont, assembled in front of the crowd. Armed with guitars, a dulcimer, banjos, whistles, a keyboard and an electric saxophone, they produced a multitude of sounds encompassing jazz, rag time, folk and Irish songs. Adding another dimension to their sound, they constructed a 'bass drum' by attaching a microphone to a wood board on which one of them stood,tapping the mic with a foot to achieve the bass sound.

With their instrumental pieces, they performed many lyrical songs about peace in Ireland (based on real events), drinking, sailing songs or shanties and family. They flowed from slower,somber ballads to upbeat banjo songs that drew the audience in - many requiring clapping.

The group was extremely enthusiastic about their music and this became apparent through their tremendous energy and joking (between themselves and the audience). They received many song requests demonstrating that after fifteen years together, they have developed a definite following.

Their performance seemed to win rave reviews from the crowd (including a group from Colgate) which filled the Barn with applause. Gulezian and the Woods Tea Co. stayed after the show to talk with the audience.

Like the other performances this year, this was unforgettable. The series continues April 23 with John Gorka and Lucy Kaplansky.

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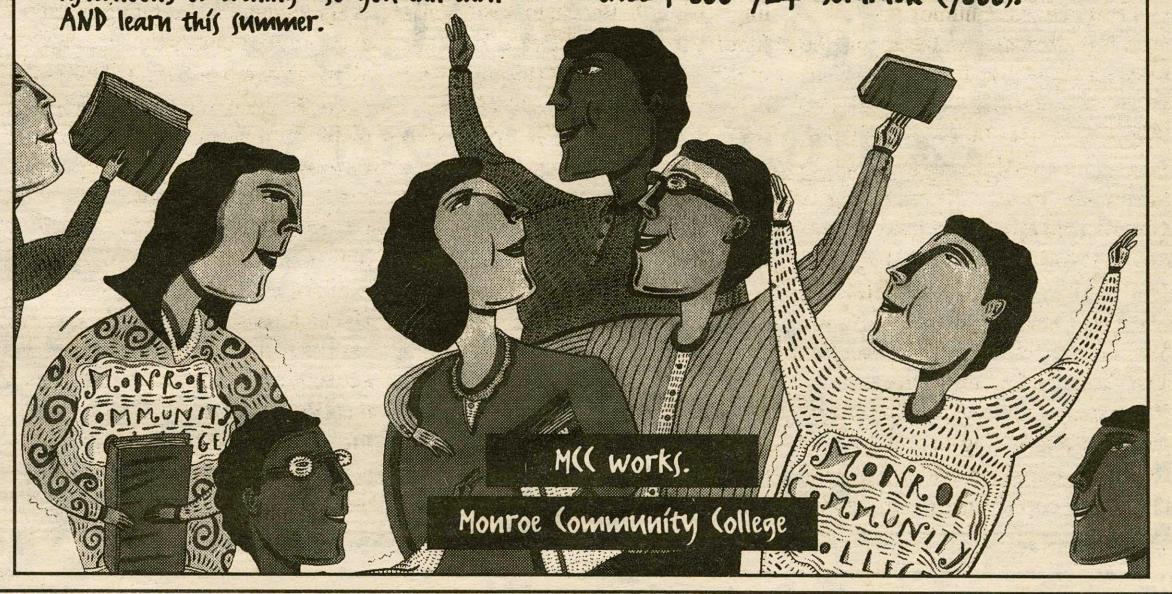

Help -> Slipknot -> Franklin's Tower

Saturday night turns Events Barn into Fillmore East

By Broxton Bird '99
A&E WRITER

On Saturday night Slipknot, one of the truly great Grateful Dead cover bands, performed in the Events Barn. This show was as close as anyone could hope to come to seeing and hearing a Grateful Dead show since the untimely passing of the great guitarist and lead vocalist for the Dead, Jerry Garcia.

There were certain odors missing from the true concert experience of a Dead show but the music put out by this superb band more than made up for that. The set list included songs such as "Sam-son and De-lilah," "Sugaree," "Going Down the Road Feeling Bad," "The Way You Do the Things You Do," and many other great tunes.

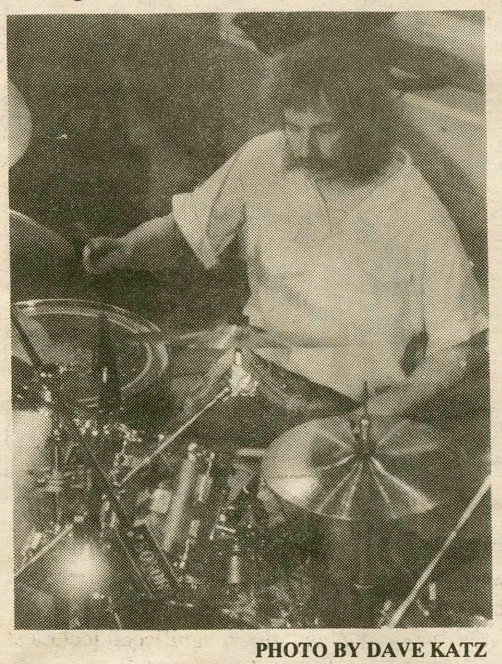

PHOTO BY DAVE KATZ

Extended jams made the show complete and the dancing great as they played well past their 11:00 ending time. Not only did they sound like the Dead but the vocals were excellent and sounded just like Garcia. All one had to do was close their eyes and you felt like you were at a real show. Slipknot was for me one of the best if the best bands I've seen here in my short time at Hamilton and hopefully it will not be the last.

PHOTO BY DAVE KATZ

The next time Slipknot comes around again make a point of getting out—don't miss it. It is the closest thing you will get to hearing the Dead unless you have some good quality bootlegs.

Slipknot is working on its own album of originals. The songs have that Dead feel that makes your hips sway. Look for it soon.

MOVIES IN REVIEW

THE BIRDCAGE

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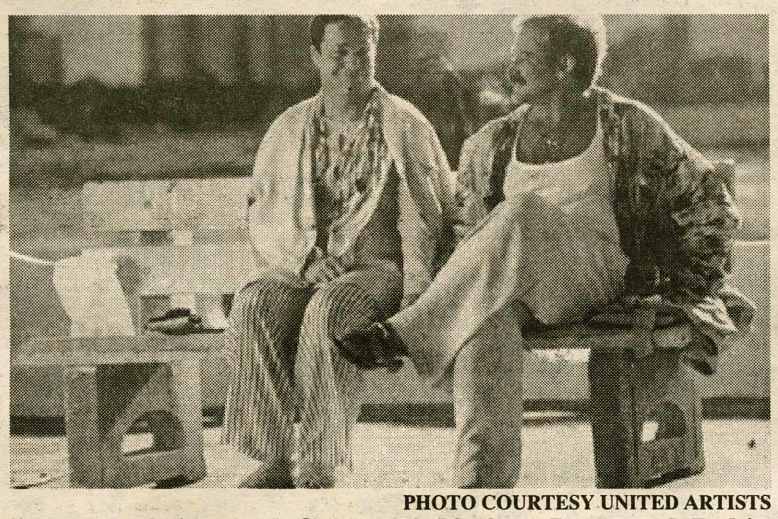
Courtesy Hoyt's Sangertown 8
Sangertown Square Mall

By Gina Carbone '99
A&E WRITER

There is a great controversy surrounding the stereotypical gay characters portrayed in this *The Birdcage*. The character of Albert, played by Nathan Lane, is seen as the laughable, primadonna-screaming-queen-gay-man who wants to be a woman. The speedo-sporting, whiny-voiced-maid, played by *The Simpsons'* Hank Azarea, is another example of the movie's attempt to portray homosexuals as flighty, effeminate, and silly. It is ironic that the innately over the top Robin Williams plays the film's only believable gay character, Armand.

Even though this controversy exists, one cannot disguise the fact that the movie is comical. Nathan Lane may be just exaggerating a stereotype, but as long as we remember that it is not supposed to be real, we can appreciate the humor.

The Birdcage is based on the play La Cage aux Folles which involves Armand and Albert's attempts to play it straight for one night while Armand's son, Val, and his future in-laws come to visit. The meeting is complicated by the fact that Val's in-laws are so conservative that Billy Graham is too liberal for them. Gene Hackman plays the father-in-law, who is a senator and a co-founder of The Coalition for Moral Order. Diane Wiest plays his loyal, subservient, invisible puppy dog of a wife who sees their daughter Barbara's wedding as an opportunity to strengthen her husband's chance at regaining some moral ground after an unfortunate mishap with a colleague. Both parents are pleased to hear from Barbara that Val's parents have never been divorced. While they are travelling to South Beach to visit Val's family, Armand, Albert, Val, the maid, and their friends from Armand's drag nightclub, *The Birdcage*, attempt to cover up all evidence of their sexuality.



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Albert and Armand Goldman (Nathan Lane and Robin Williams) discuss marital problems on Miami's South Beach.

Most of the hilarity of the first half of the movie involves the trials and errors of disguising Albert as anything but the flamboyantly gay man that he is. It upset me, however, that Val and Barbara did not just tell Barbara's parents the truth about Armand and Albert. It's not like they would never find out. Val had such an intolerant, close-minded nature, and yet the movie portrayed him as the poor unfortunate soul we were to sympathize with.

The second half of the movie, which involves the actual meeting of the two families, is fabulous. The scenes move quickly with laughs every minute. The ending is rather extraordinary and far-fetched, but it's all in the name of humor. That is the main thing to remember with this picture: it is not to be taken too seriously. It is a fun comedy of errors. Lane is fantastic as Albert, who is so maternal that Armand describes him as "practically a breast". Azarea is hilarious as the shoeless maid, and Hackman and Wiest paly the conservatives to a T. Enjoy the film as the eccentric comedy it is. Remember that Hollywood does not portray real-life situations, because if they did, people would just stay home and live them.

HOROSCOPES

For The Week Of March 1-7

Forseen By Dr. Wonka
A&E ASTROLOGER

Aries
(March 21-April 20)

Slow down. You have really been stressed out and overworked this week. You should really consider cutting down on the amount of activities you are involved in.

Taurus
(April 21-May 21)

During the upcoming week you should spend some more time studying and dedicate less time to leisure. The year is waning, but that's no excuse to slack off now.

Gemini
(May 22-June 21)

In the next few weeks you will receive an important phone call from someone close to you with whom you haven't spoken in quite some time. Take advantage of this and bridge old gaps.

Cancer
(June 22-July 23)

You've been uptight all year and your finally beginning to relax a little bit. This week your roommate will give you some important advice, so don't take it lightly.

Leo
(July 24-August 23)

It's now time to emerge from the dank of your dark domain and experience the joys of the great outdoors. Try booming through the Glen on foot or bike.

Virgo
(August 24-September 23)

Seek the advice of one who is older or wiser than you and try to sort through the problems which have been bothering you. Don't be afraid to seek advice from those of another generation.

Libra
(September 24-October 23)

If any visitors need floor space in your room this week, be kind and share your room. They may bring just what you are looking for.

Scorpio
(October 24-November 22)

Things have been a little backwards this past week. Keep moving forward in the coming weeks and things should return to normal. The long awaited return of your mate this week should help. Start wearing normal clothes again.

Sagittarius
(November 23-December 21)

You have been neglecting your studies most of the semester by spending too much time socializing and having a good time. Your summer break will be unpleasant if you continue to party.

Capricorn
(December 22-January 20)

It's been a long, spring and this past week was no exception. But keep with it and the rewards of your labor will be very kind, indeed. Kick back, and clear your troubles away with a deep breath.

Aquarius
(January 21-February 19)

Something seems to have been troubling you this past week . In times like this, try calling your parents. If this does not relieve the situation, discuss your problem with a sibling.

Pisces
(February 20-March 20)

You may not realize it,but you have been keeping up with work this semester and the rest of the year should be a breeze. Spend time now trying to find a mate.

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Calendar & Movies

LECTURES

Sunday: David Sadker of American University will give a lecture entitled **"Failing at Fairness: How Schools Cheat Girls"** in the Chapel at 7:30 pm. The lecture is sponsored by the Department of Psychology, the Program in Teacher Education, and the Dean of the Faculty.

Tuesday: As part of Womyn's Energy Week, Dorothy Adams of Syracuse University will speak in the Red Pit of K-J on **"Rekindling the Goddess Culture."** The talk, which begins at 4 pm, is brought to you by the Womyn's Community Center. Also, County Executive Ray Meier is the **Hansmann Lecture** speaker at 8 pm in the Dwight Lounge in Bristol.

Wednesday: Carol Drogus of the Department of Government will ask **"Can Liberation Theology Liberate Women?"** in the Kirkland *Center Brown Bag Lunch* Series in Café Opus at noon. Brought to you by the Emerson Literary Society.

F I L M

The Incredibly True Adventures of Two Girls In Love. Laurel Holloman plays Randy, a white, openly gay tomboy who attends school and works after-hours at a gas station. Evie (Nicole Parker) is a black, wealthy, popular, straight-A student who has just broken up with her beau. A comic tale of love in the misinformed world ensues. Showing Saturday at 7:30 in the K-J Auditorium.

Living in Oblivion. Spend a day on the set of a film where everything that could go wrong actually does. Struggling to maintain his integrity and his sanity, Nick (Steve Buscemi) is both helped and hindered by his bumbling crew. Showing Saturday at 10 pm and Sunday at 7:30 pm in the K-J Auditorium.

A Litany for Survival: The Life and Work of Audre Lorde. Thursday at 7 pm in the Science Auditorium.

College 300 Films. At 3 and 7:30 pm in the K-J Auditorium.
Monday:
Raging Bull
Wednesday:
Sugarbaby

A R T S

***Leonce and Lena*:** This Hamilton production of Buchner's classic play of almost fairy-tale romance is directed by Adrian Giurgea. The play, a must-see event, opened last night and runs through the entire week. Look for a review and showtimes in the Arts & Entertainment section.

Tonight: Catch the flow with the **Hamilton Jazz Ensemble** under the direction of "Doctuh" Mike Woods in a concert in Wellin Hall. The fun begins at 8 pm. For some gender breaking entertainment, check out **"A Night of Illusion: Free Your Mind"** in the Events Barn at 8 pm where five female impersonators will "wow" the community.

Saturday: CAB Comedy presents **Selected Hilarity** in the Events Barn at 8 pm. Bust a stitch seeing this troupe!

Next Friday: Anyone hooked on the roots rock scene will certainly dig **Thanks to Gravity** at 9 pm in the Events Barn. CAB and WHCL-FM have assured you of a groovin' evening.

CHECK IT OUT

Womyn's Energy Week Events

Monday: Womyn's Energy Week begins with **Take Back the Night**, an evening of protest against violence against women. At 8 pm, a march will begin on the Burke Library steps. Then, at 9 pm, the Events Barn will be the site of an open mike session.

Wednesday: An Energy Week open mike in Café Opus will present poetry, fiction, and other works by Hamilton students.

Monday-Friday: Along Martin's Way, view a display bearing witness to sexual and domestic violence against women.

Yom Hashoah (Holocaust Day)

Wednesday: Commemorate the tragedy of the Holocaust in a 7:30 pm ceremony in the Events Barn. Call x4439 for more info.

Accepted Students' Open House

Tuesday-Wednesday: Welcome probable members of the Class of 2000 as they wander around campus.

FULL WEEKLY EVENTS SCHEDULE http://www.hamilton.edu/html/news/

MOVIES

FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 12-APRIL 18

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James & the Giant Peach	*8:10, 10*	*Up Close and Personal*	*6:50, 9:35*
Fear	*7:25, 9:45*	*Oliver and Company*	
Flirting With Disaster	*7:10, 9:25*	*Fri., Sun.-Thurs.*	*5:15, 7:00*
The Birdcage	*7:15, 9:50*	*Saturday*	*5:15*
Primal Fear	*6:30, 9:30*	*Executive Decision*	*9:20*
A Thin Line Between Love and Hate	*7:05, 9:40*	*Mrs. Winterbourne* *Sneak Preview* *Saturday*	*7:20*
Sgt. Bilko	*6:40, 9:15*		

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Incredibly True Adventures of Two Girls in Love
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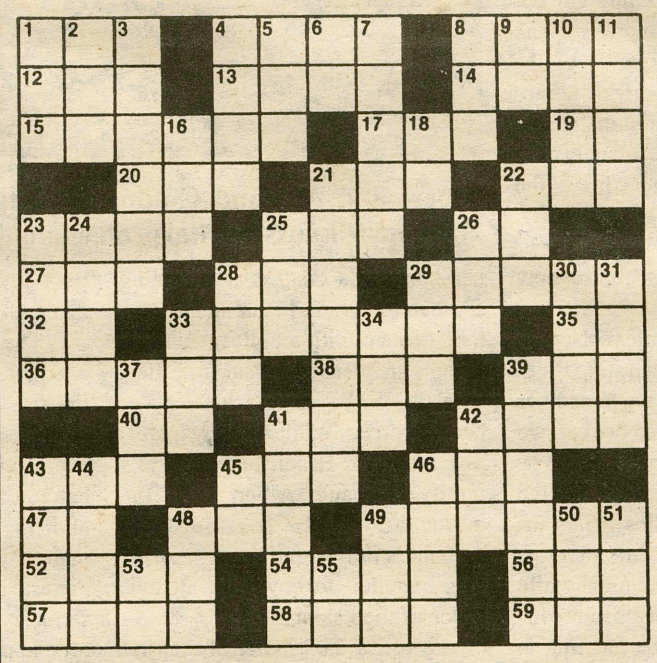
Living in Oblivion
Saturday 10:00, Sunday 7:30



ACROSS

1. Scottish cap
4. Oral
8. County in Florida
12. Southern state (abbr.)
13. Against
14. In the middle
15. Give in
17. Vigor
19. Sun God
20. Boy
21. Inferior
22. Edge of cloth
23. Always
25. Create current of breeze
26. Leave
27. Small rug
28. Heat source
29. Courtesy title for woman
32. Exist
33. Sand build-up on shore
35. 4th musical scale note
36. Law
38. Sick
39. Tap gently
40. Actual weight (abbr.)
41. Morning breakfast item
42. Cut
43. Fall behind
45. Pertaining to (suf.)
46. Small, temporary bed
47. I am (cont.)
48. Employ
49. Not awake
52. Bastion
54. S.E. Asia bird
56. Recent form (pref.)
57. Great Lake
58. 12 months
59. Three (pref.)

DOWN

1. Blacktop
2. Beer
3. Wooden hammer
4. Fine beach footing
5. Picnic pest
6. Indefinite pronoun
7. Couch
8. Water barrier
9. Be
10. Disastrous
11. Cheese
16. Listening organ
18. Division of the psyche
21. Wound cover
22. Built to transport bricks
23. Send forth
24. Holds flowers
25. Good time
26. Fish
28. Sit (p.t.)
29. Bad (pref.)
30. From a distance
31. Spouse
33. Repair with thread
34. Large
37. Pester; annoy
39. Inventor's sole right
41. Foe
42. Poland (abbr.)
43. Living organism
44. Love
45. Exist
46. Former Russian emperor (sp. var.)
48. N. Amer. Indians
49. Collection
50. Ever (Poetic)
51. Hawaiian food
53. Southern N. England state (abbr.)
55. You (Poetic)

Memories of spring sport seasons past

DAMON LOPEZ O'DWYER
JASON SANTARCANGELO

For many, spring is a time to celebrate warm weather, chirping birds and blossoming flowers, but for anyone who has ever cared about the destination of a puck or a ball, spring is a time to celebrate the joy and excitement of life, as there is no single four month stretch that combines as many play-off runs, championships, and promises of new beginnings.

Each year, March Madness, the start of the Baseball season, the Stanley Cup play-offs, Open season in tennis and golf, and the run for the NBA title all arrive in our living rooms and in our hearts, moving us with their inspirational stories, agonizing moments, and parades of celebration.

There is no thrill greater than hard fought competition, and as fans rallying behind the men and women who represent our teams there is no task more frustrating, exhilarating, and at times, life-affirming than cheering for our heros. As we prepare ourselves for the NHL and NBA playoffs, we can not help but reflect back on springs past.

Still strong in our memories is Syracuse's dramatic effort in the NCAA tournament this year. Although they didn't win, their effort captured us almost as much as Duke's thrilling back-to-back triumphs in '91 and '92.

Who would have thought Golf would have been as enthralling as it was last year at the Masters when Ben Crenshaw overcame the tragedy of his coach's sudden death to win by birdying the 70th and 71st holes at Augusta National to beat Davis Love III?

For three years Michael Jordan proved to the world that he was immortal and brought the "Three-peat" to Chicago. The image of Jordan hugging his first NBA trophy will always be the portrait of a legend basking in the glory of achieving the ultimate goal.

College Hockey saw its time in the spotlight last year in the marathon game between Maine and Michigan that went to triple overtime. Maine finally prevailed in an upset of the top-ranked Wolverines.

World Cup soccer not only made its way to American soil in 1994, but delighted us with its excitement and intensity, as America fought hard before finally falling to Brazil, the eventual champion.

1994 was the greatest spring that New Yorkers can remember, as the hard-working Knicks came within inches of winning the elusive NBA crown on a court in Texas.

Back in the Big Apple, the "Curse" was finally slain by a Rangers team that refused to die time and time again. 1940 finally became the year that New York won the third of its four Stanley Cups. The NHL enjoyed its proudest season in memory as every playoff series captivated a national audience.

All good things must come to an end, and last year, the eventual champion Devils had the honor of closing the hallowed Boston Garden, once and for all, by eliminating the Bruins from the playoffs.

Just last month, the most prestigious arena in professional sports saw its final game, as the Montreal Forum shut down for business. It may have been an emotional goodbye to two physical structures, but never a goodbye to the memories - they will forever have a home in our hearts.

The faces of spring are timeless. From the legends of the game like Larry and Magic to unsuspecting heros like Michael Chang who fought off severe leg cramps to win the French Open, the list is endless.

From unyielding competitors like Patrick Ewing, to consummate sportsmen like Hakeem Olajuwon, the names of our idles always bring a smile to our faces.

From the great ones like Mario to the Great One called Wayne the memories are eternal, and as we look forward to another spring of championships, heartbreaks, and celebrations, we can not help but feel thankful for all that we have witnessed and all that is left to come. To win is grand, but to play is glorious.

THE HAMILTON ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

PHOTO BY ERIN MITCHELL '96

Gretchen Randall
SOPHOMORE

Over the past week Gretchen Randall '98 has put up offensive numbers of Ruthian proportian. In the doubleheader against Russell Sage Randall put on a batting clinic, totalling five hits, two of them doubles, and three RBI's. On the week she had a .600 batting average including two doubles, a triple, five RBI's and six runs scored. For her stellar performance Randall was named the NESCAC Player of the Week. Congratulations Gretchen! You are the Hamilton *Athlete of the Week!*

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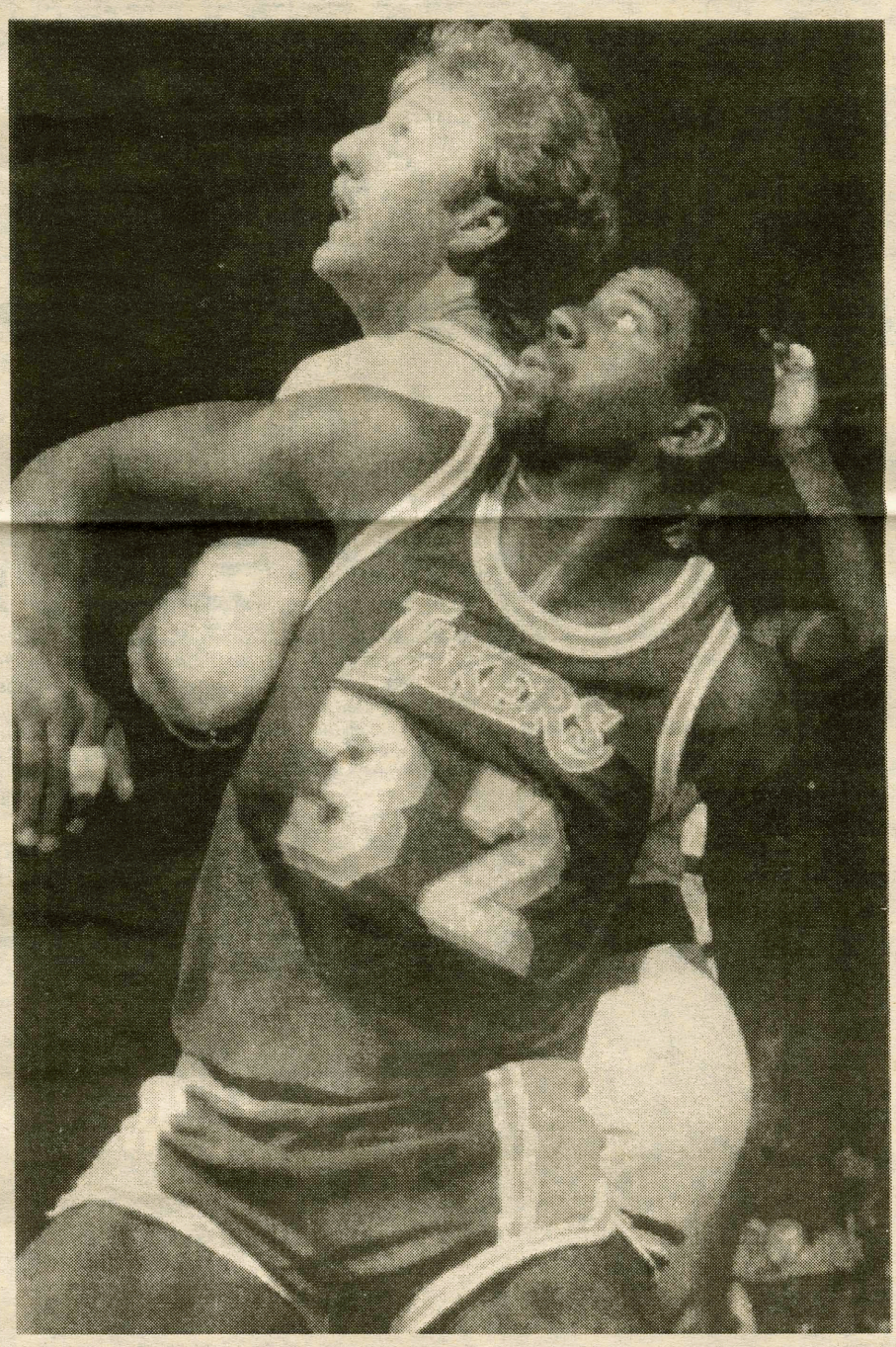

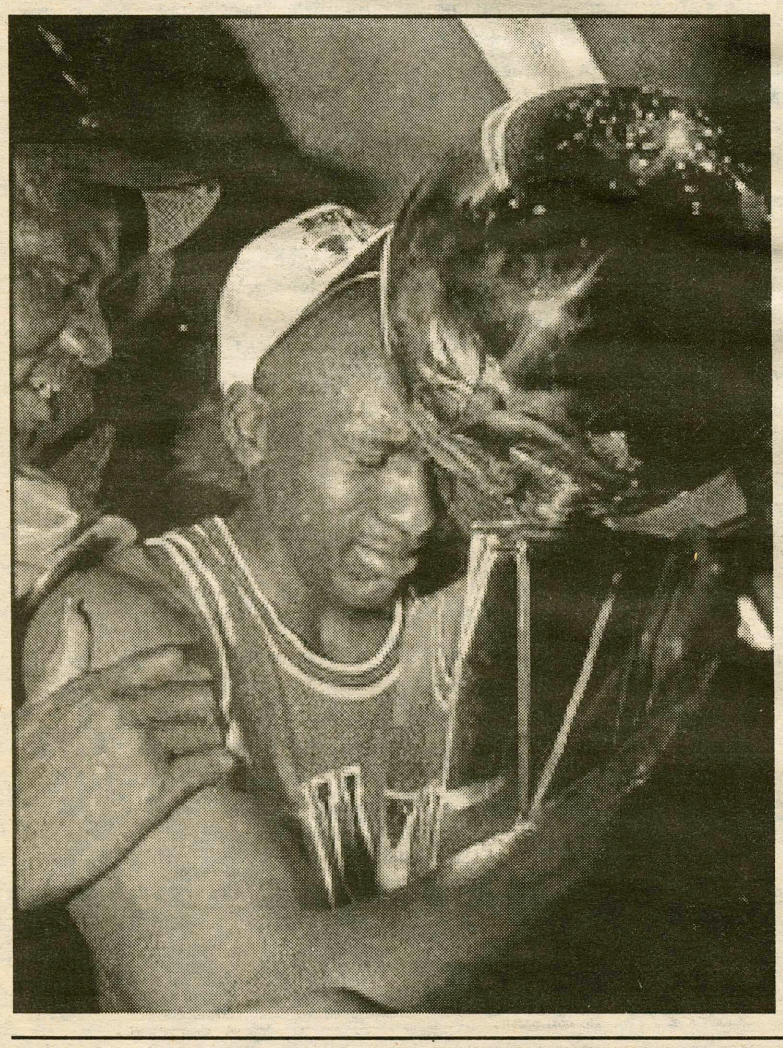

Sights of spring sports (clockwise from right): Young versions of Magic and Bird battle in the NBA Playoffs; a gorgeous Opening Day for baseball at Oriole Park at Camden Yards in Baltimore; Michael Jordan claims his first championship trophy, solidifying his place in history..

THIS WEEK IN HAMILTON SPORTS

Go Conts!	Men's Baseball	Men's Golf	Men's Lacrosse	Women's Lacrosse	Men's Tennis	Women's Softball	Track & Field
Friday April 12		Hamilton Tee Off TBA	Rensselaer 2 pm	Rochester 4 pm			
Saturday April 13	Utica (2) 1 pm		Skidmore Noon	Union 3 pm	UCAA Championship @ Hobart TBA	Hartwick (2) 1 pm	
Sunday April 14	Hartwick (2) 1 pm						
Monday April 15							
Tuesday April 16		Colgate SpringTour. 1 pm			St. Lawrence 4 pm		
Wednesday April 17	Union (2) 1 pm		Oswego 4 pm			Utica (2) 4 pm	
Thursday April 18							
Friday April 19			Clarkson 4 pm	St. Lawrence 4 pm	Nazareth Tourney TBA		

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Beat the "Experts"

Each pick has been selected to win contest outright. *If any given game ends in a tie, that game is thrown out of the lineup. Beat the "Experts"* is by no means associated with organized gambling on professional or college sports. Whichever Guest Handicapper posts the best winning percentage during their week will be selected as *Hamilton's Athlete of the Week* (honorary) in the final issue of this semester and will be entitled to all the perks therein, namely an all-expense paid dinner with our one and only celebrity Sports Editor, Mark Granovsky, as well as their picture in *The Spectator.*

Specially Selected Sporting Events	Mark Granovsky *Spectator Sports Editor*	Oren Rawls *Spectator Sports Editor*	Jason *Santarcangelo Associate Editor*	Damon Lopez O' Dwyer Associate Editor	Matt Outten Senior *Guest #10*
	Last Week: 9-3 To date: 72-39	Last Week: 7-5 To date: 75-36	Last Week: 8-4 To date: 80-31	Last Week: 9-3 To date: 69-42	Last Week's Guest: John Innes '96 8-4
NBA					
Toronto at Boston 4/12	Boston	Boston	Boston	Boston	
Minnesota at Washington 4/12	Washington	Washington	Washington	Washington	
Milwaukee at Atlanta 4/12	Atlanta	Atlanta	Atlanta	Atlanta	
Indiana at Orlando 4/12	Orlando	Orlando	Orlando	Orlando	
Philadelphia at Chicago 4/12	Chicago	Chicago	Chicago	Chicago	
Sacramento at Vancouver 4/12	Sacramento	Sacramento	Sacramento	Sacramento	
Golden State at L.A. Lakers 4/12	Los Angeles	Golden State	Golden State	Los Angeles	
NHL					
Winnipeg at Anaheim 4/14	Anaheim	Anaheim	Anaheim	Anaheim	
Boston at Hartford 4/13	Boston	Boston	Boston	Boston	
New Jersey at Ottawa 4/13	New Jersey	New Jersey	New Jersey	New Jersey	
Rangers at Florida 4/14	New York	New York	New York	Florida	
Philadelphia at Tampa Bay 4/14	Philadelphia	Tampa Bay	Philadelphia	Philadelphia	

If you think that you can beat these "experts," drop us a line and we will try to get you in. Write "I can beat the experts" on a piece of paper and add your name, then fold it and address it to the sports editor at *The Spectator.* Drop it in campus mail and if you're randomly selected, you'll quickly receive a form for you to make your picks.

Questions & reflections

Iverson: Will he stay or go?

Some questions to debate over dinner, or wherever you might be reading... Yes, I probably do have far too much time on my hands to be thinking of all these things. Hopefully, some of them will make you think. In no particular order... Who's better defensively, Omar Vizquel or Rey Ordonez? Aren't ESPN's Sportscenter and NCAA basketball commercials the best on television? Don't you wish you had cable in your room so you could stay informed more easily? Will Donyell Marshall ever live up to his billing? Will Allen Iverson turn pro? Will Albert Belle resign with the Indians? Will Greg Maddux win a record-setting fifth consecutive Cy Young? Is Mike Mussina the AL version of Maddux? Don't you love reading Sam Walker's My Two Cents? Don't you wish there was a college football playoff system? Is Dennis Rodman the best rebounder ever? Will Rodman keep his head on straight this year during the playoffs? If he does, will the Bulls lose a game during their championship run? Likewise, is there anyone that can stop the Red Wings in their quest for the Stanley Cup? Doesn't the movie Field of Dreams get you all choked up, no matter how many times you've seen it? Didn't you think that the pictures of umpire John McSherry's death had no place on television or in print? Yet, didn't you look at them anyway? Who will be the first pick in the NFL draft? Don't you think that WHCL's John Innes was born to be on the radio? Didn't the Toronto Blue Jays get old in a hurry? What happened to the once-promising pitching staff of the Chicago White Sox? Wouldn't it be a travesty if the Yankees moved out of 'The House That Ruth Built'? What happened to Ian Baker-Finch? Who will be back in the Super Bowl first, the Jets or the Giants? Did you know that Hamilton grad Guy Hebert has posted shutouts in two of the last four Mighty Duck games? Isn't it good to see Shawn Bradley finding success in New Jersey? How long until Gary Sheffield gets hurt? How did the Indians start 0-3? Why did San Diego cut Natrone Means? Can you believe that you'll soon be able to access the Internet from your seat at many baseball stadiums across the country? Can you believe that Portland has won 14 of its last 16 games? Don't you wish that NBA coaches would let their teams run and gun instead of plodding along and 'playing better defense'? Hasn't Chris Webber been a disappointment in Washington? Don't you think Neil O'Donnell will come to regret leaving Pittsburgh? Don't you think Don Mattingly will be back in a baseball uniform, a la Ryne Sandberg? Wouldn't you like to see what Jalen Rose could do with more playing time? Hasn't Juwan Howard's play been a big surprise? Doesn't Kevin McHale look good now for picking Kevin Garnett last June? Don't you think that the Timberwolves will be the most improved team next year, provided they acquire a point guard in the off-season? Aren't there more worthy candidates for Dream Team III than Glenn Robinson? How could Shawn Kemp and Jason Kidd not make that team? Don't you wish there were more movies like Fletch? (Remember Chevy Chase as a 6'9" power forward for the Lakers?) Don't you wonder why top players have stopped going to play basketball at Duke and Indiana? Isn't it hard to believe that Pat Riley and his Miami Heat might not make the playoffs? Is Dean Smith really thinking of retirement? Doesn't Michael Irvin's presence in a hotel room with cocaine, marijuana, and alleged prostitutes make you wonder if he's got more on his mind than football? Do you think Tyrone Wheatley will replace Rodney Hampton in the Giants' backfield this season? How will the Clippers blow the draft this year? Don't you think Randy Myers is going to have a tremendous year for the Orioles? Was the Blues' trade for Wayne Gretzky worthwhile? Can you believe that Eric Ginggold, the 7'3" hoopster from Williams, has improved his game so much that he's transformed himself from a bench-warmer in Division III to a potential NBA first-rounder? Aren't you just a little skeptical about the chances of success for the new Major Soccer League? Don't you think that any player who pushes a referee should be suspended for longer than seven games? Don't you wonder about a guy like Cedric Ceballos who abandons his team in the middle of a playoff run to go water-skiing? Don't you wish that every player were not only as talented as Magic Johnson, but also had his attitude about the game? Does Magic make the Lakers a serious contender in the West? Which owner is more hated in Ohio: Marge Schott or Art Modell? Does Phil Jackson deserve the NBA's coach of the year award? Will Rick Pitino stay at Kentucky? Who will be back in the World Series sooner, the Yankees or the Mets? Isn't it hard to believe that Hamilton is the only school in the NESCAC without a coach for its crew team? Aren't you excited to see Dan Deblois lead the Hamilton football team once more next fall? Don't you wonder if Randall Cunningham has seen the end of his days as a starting NFL quarterback? Will Charles Barkley ever retire? Will Darryl Strawberry ever play baseball again? Don't you think that pay-per-view sporting events are the wave of the future? Don't all these questions make you want some answers?

TripMacCracken Scorecard

Write for the *Spec*

Saber thrusts Hamilton golfers into prominance

By Greg Nussbaum '98
SPORTS STAFF

The 1996 Hamilton college men's golf team is ready to begin their spring season. There are high expectations for this squad, as they possess a remarkable core of individual talent.

Co-Captain Mike Saber '97 enters this season with an assortment of awards and accomplishments. Last year, Saber shocked the NESCAC golf circuit by winning the NESCAC tournament. In the fall, Saber rampaged through the New York state competition, taking home the UCAA trophy with a 4 under par 68.

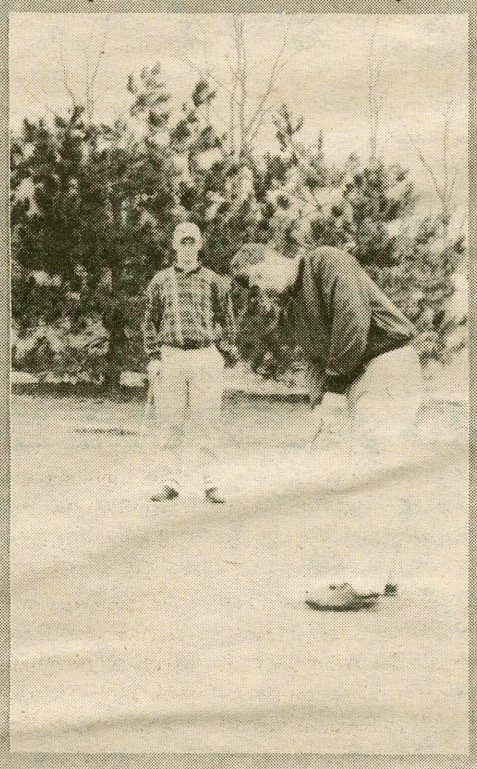

PHOTO BY RITU MONGA '99

Continental golfers are taking extra practice putts in the hopes of making nationals.

This years squad sports a number of impressive golfers beside Saber. Co-captain Jim Gillies '97, John Whitwell '98, and Darren Fuller '98 will all contribute. Freshman sensations Jon Cornwell '99 and Matt Miller '99 solidify the remainder of the lineup. The team will miss contributions from Adam Sichol '98, who is currently injured.

The team will have to improve on consistency. Although there were many impressive individual performances last fall, they were just that: individual performances. "As a team, we never played well on the same day. We need to pull together as a team to win some of the big ones." said Gillies. Gillies was also concerned about team depth: "We have a lot of injuries. This spring, our team really only has a core of 7 or 8 players."

Tomorrow, the golf team will get their first taste of competition as they participate in a tournament with Oswego, Utica, and Lemoyne colleges at Schenendowa golf course. Tuesday the team travels to a tournament at Colgate, in preparation for NESCAC's later this month.

Gillies has high hopes for the team: "We have a real shot at making nationals."

Rensselaer batters Continentals, 11-2

By Mark Granovsky
SPORTS EDITOR

The men's baseball team had a rough weekend as they lost three of four games to Rensselaer and Skidmore. The Continentals fall to 5-9 after returning from a Florida trip with an 4-6 record.

Rensselaer made quick work of the Conts. They outscored Hamilton 15-5 and outhit the Conts 21-7 in the two games. Despite five errors by Renneslaer, Hamilton lost the first game 4-3. The Conts took control in the first inning and jumped out to an early 2-0 lead. Brian Guastella '98 led the attack with two hits and an RBI. Matt Klumpp '98 also added a run on a well-hit single, but that was the end of the offense. Dave Lohman pitched a gem for RPI with a complete game five hitter. He had excellent control of the ball with only one walk and ten strikeouts.

Errors plagued Rensselaer again in the second game as Hamilton could score only one earned run. The errors were not significant as Rensselaer blasted the Conts 11-2. The Continentals could manage only two hits off of the stellar pitching of Brian Plaxe and Paul Louderback. Plaxe and Louderback combined for four walks and nine strikeouts. Continental hurler Shawn Swistak was hammered for ten hits and ten runs in a mere three innings. The Clinton nine were glad to board the bus and leave Troy to the friendlier confines of Saratoga Springs.

The pitching problems of Friday turned for the better on Saturday. In the first game, Hamilton defeated the Thoroughbreds in an impressive 6-5 eight inning victory. The Conts spread thirteen hits over eight innings. Pitcher Joe Rowbottom recorded the win for Hamilton with two shutout innings. Catcher Aaron Simon hit a single and scored on Jason Tagliaferri's double to tie the game in the seventh. Mike Estreicher singled and scored on an error in the eighth to clinch the win. Tagliaferri was 2-4 with an RBI double in the seventh and Sean Fay '98 went 2-3 with a double.

PHOTO BY RITU MONGA '99

Baseball practicing in an effort to reverse their recent slump. The Continentals dropped three of their last four games to drop to 5-9.

Hamilton dropped the second game in eight innings to Skidmore 2-1. Jeff Bernstein singled home Mike DiMarco with two outs for the win. Fay hit a solo home run in the seventh to continue his fine afternoon. Chris Bernardo and Brian Guastella pitched admirable for the Conts, but it was not enough.

Kowalczik leads the team in hitting with a .333 average (12/36) in ten games. Klumpp is second with a .300 average (6/20) in nine games. Guastella and Tagliaferri lead the team with seven RBI each. Ray Stevenson leads the team with a 0.82 ERA in eleven innings of relief. Rowbottom has a 1.96 ERA in seven games. He has allowed a mere four earned runs in 18.1 innings and eight strikeouts.

The Continentals are batting .223 as a team (89/399), pitching with a 5.31 ERA, and fielding with a .950 percentage.

The Continentals host Utica and Hartwick this weekend in doubleheaders, the first home games for the Clinton nine.

Elections

For the 1996-1997 Term of Office
Hamilton College Student Assembly

Positions Available:

Class Presidents: Class of 1997
Class of 1998
Class of 1999

Information for these posts:

Class Presidents: Platforms must be 100 words or less, and will be cut off after the 100th word (Optional). A petition of 25 signatures from members of the class from which a candidate is running is mandatory. If you wish to run for Class Delegate as well, you may choose to submit a second platform, however only one petition is necessary.

Election to be Held : **Wednesday, April 24th 1996**
Platforms and Petitions Due: **Tuesday, April 16th 1996**

Judicial Board Chair
Honor Court Chair

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Platforms and Petitions Due: **Tuesday, April 16th 1996**

Information for these posts:

Judicial Board Chair: Platforms must be 100 words or less, and will be cut off after the 100th word (Optional). A petition of 25 signatures from members of the student body is mandatory. If you wish to run for Class Delegate as well, you may choose to submit a second platform, however only one petition is necessary. Must have already served on the Judicial Board

Honor Court Chair: Platforms must be 100 words or less, and will be cut off after the 100th word (Optional). A petition of 25 signatures from members of the student body is mandatory. If you wish to run for Class Delegate as well, you may choose to submit a second platform, however only one petition is necessary. Must have already served on the Honor Court

Class of 1997:	Class of 1998:	Class of 1999
5 Delegates	**5 Delegates**	**5 Delegates**
1 Treasurer	**1 Treasurer**	**1 Treasurer**
2 Judicial Board Reps.	**2 Judicial Board Reps.**	**2 Judicial Board Reps.**
2 Honor Court Reps.	**2 Honor Court Reps.**	**2 Honor Court Reps.**

Information for Candidates:
Platforms must be 100 words or less, and will be cut off after the 100th word (Optional). A petition of 25 signatures from members of the candidates' Class is mandatory

Elections to be held: **Wednesday, May 1st 1996**
Petitions and Platforms Due: **Tuesday April 23rd 1996**

Appeals Board (Any Class):

2 Representatives

Information for Candidates:
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Petitions and Platforms Due: **Tuesday April 23rd 1996**

Petition forms available at: Mail Center, Library, Bristol, Registrar's office.

Questions or Comments: Call Audrey Weiner @ 0548
Call Brian Giacometti @ 0446

This Information and a petition form can be downloaded from the Student Assembly Web Page at http://hh656.students.hamilton.edu/central/elections.htm

SpectatorSports

Conts rout Russell Sage

By Megan Rich '99
SPORTS STAFF

The women's softball team has been off to a slow but promising start this season. The Continentals are currently 8-7 on the season, including wins in their last four games. Hamilton's latest wins have come against Russell Sage, Skidmore, and SUNY-Utica. The Continentals are led by Coach Melissa Hart and co-captains Michelle Pickett '96 and Kristen Ring '96.

On April 6 Russell Sage ventured on the Hill and left on a broom; the Continentals easily captured both games. Hamilton won the first game 9-3. The win raised Ring's record to 5-3 on the season. Stacey Corbin '99 contributed to the win by pitching a five hitter with two walks and two strikeouts. Betsy Crary '96 had a fine performance going 3-4 with a double and 3 RBI's. Crary also made several diving catches from her position in the outfield. Gretchen Randall '98 also had a great game, going 3-4 with two RBI's.

During their second game against Russell Sage, Hamilton again held their opponents to three runs, while twelve Continentals crossed the plate. The winning pitcher was Kerri Page '98, upping her to 2-3 on the season. Jen Moran '99 had a strong game, contributing a triple, two walks, a homerun and a RBI. Kristen Ring and Gretchen Randall both went 2-3, and Karen Werkhoven '96 was 1-1 with two RBI's.

On Tuesday, April 9th, the Continentals traveled to Skidmore College for a double header. While the Continentals played a strong first game, they lost to Skidmore 5-3. Jen Moran hit a solo homerun in the losing cause. The Continentals fared better in their second game of the day, edging Skidmore 12-10. Kerri Page went 2-5 with 3 RBI's and a solo homerun. Jen Moran was 4-4 with a double, triple, and sacrifice fly. Moran ended the game with 3 RBI's.

For her stellar performance Gretchen Randall was named the New England Small College Athletic Conference Player of the Week. Her .600 average for the week included two doubles, a triple, 5 RBI's and 6 runs scored. Teammate Karen Werkhoven also has opposing pitchers shaking in their cleats; she leads the league with a .543 average.

While the Continental's early season may have been slow, Coach Hart feels that the team is "coming along. We have shown inconsistency but we are finally getting it together. We came back against Skidmore which showed character and what we are capable of." The Continental's travel to Hartwick on Saturday for a doubleheader.

Hamilton annihilates Hartwick

Tennis preps for UCAA tournament

By Jeff Goralnick '98
SPORTS STAFF

Like a forehand with topspin, Continental Men's Tennis team had an up and down week. On Saturday the Continentals hosted Ithaca College and prevailed in convincing fashion. Hamilton was able to take a 6-1 victory, winning all matches except at the number four spot, where Ben Pinchin suffered a disappointing loss. Both the number one and two players, JW Hobson and Jed Whitlock, rolled easily to victories, winning 6-2, 6-3, and 6-3, 6-0 respectively. Damon Lopez-O'Dwyer picked up his first victory since the team's trip to Hilton Head, with a 4-6, 6-2, 6-3 win at sixth singles. Pinchin and Lopez-O'Dwyer improved their doubles record to an impressive 5-1.

On Tuesday, the Continentals travelled to Binghamton but were missing two singles starters in Pinchin and Steve Keyes-Grevelis. The result: A 7-0 Binghamton sweep. As a result of the missing man power, each player moved up two spots in the lineup. Lopez-O'Dwyer played the four spot, Greg Nussbaum the five spot, and Zane Murdock '99 made his first varsity appearance for the Continentals in the six spot. Changes in the doubles lineup included Nussbaum and Walker at the number two spot. Despite the loss, Nussbaum played very respectably in his first doubles appearance of the season, and showed that perhaps he has a good future as a doubles player for the team. Sam Walker '96 was out for revenge in his singles match as he took on Ronnie Sussman. Sussman was able to edge out Walker last year in a three set battle, and this year proved to be no different. Walker took the first set 7-5, but Sussman overcame Walker in the following sets to take the match, handing the senior only his second loss of the season.

On Wednesday Hamilton held court with Hartwick. The Continentals showed up in rejuvenated form, taking the match 7-0. The same lineup from the Binghamton match was played, and Nussbaum picked up his first doubles win of the season playing with Walker, while Murdock grabbed his first career win 5-7, 6-4, 6-3. Co-captain Hobson and Whitlock both won easily and Walker returned to winning form with a 7-6, 6-0 victory, improving his season record to a dominating 15-2. Lopez-O'Dwyer put on a serving clinic and nailed 12 aces in a 6-3, 6-3 win. Nussbaum also proved to be too strong for his opponent, winning easily, 6-3, 6-1. All of the doubles teams gelled despite the substitute line-up and won easily. Whitlock and Hobson improved their season doubles record to an impressive 8-5.

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> **—Sam Walker '96**

This weekend, the Continentals travel to Hobart to play in the UCAA tournament, most likely as the third seed. Walker is focused for the weekend: "The inaugural UCCA tournament means alot to us. Even with our 7-10 record, if we win this, we can get ranked in the east. We must take advantage of the opportunity." The team has set the goal of returning from Hobart victorious and intends to follow Walker's lead.

Lax runs over Thoroughbreds

By Brian Green '96
SPORTS STAFF

The women's lacrosse team boarded the bus last Friday at noon with a 2-2 record. When they stepped back onto Hamilton ground Saturday at dinner time, they had a 4-2 record. After two impressive performances against Skidmore and RPI, the team looks to be on a roll.

It was sunny and warm on Friday afternoon. When most students were kicking off their weekend, the women's lax team was preparing to do battle with the Skidmore Thoroughbreds. The first five minutes of play was indicative of the eventual outcome of the game as Hamilton jumped to a quick 3-0 lead. The teams traded goals and by the time the game was fifteen minutes old, Hamilton held a 5-3 advantage. This would be the closest Skidmore would get to catching the explosive offense of the Continentals as they ended up routing the Thoroughbreds 19-6. Highlights of the game included a great pass from Nicole Vaughan '99 to Kate Harris '97 who put the Conts up 6-3. Harris went on to collect two more goals in the contest. Rookies Laurie Dicillis '99 and Christina Robeson '97 provided great individual efforts that resulted in two more Hamilton goals and Karen Weber '96, after numerous goalposts and missed opportunities, finally scored her first goal of the year that prompted a celebratory dance. Both Melissa Hyner '97 and Meredith Haimes '98 were solid between the pipes as they each played half of the game. Veteran Megan Waters '97 couldn't miss. She ended the day with five goals while other vets Rebecca Egan '96, Judy Whitaker '97, and captain Isabel Roberts '97 provided scoring punch as well. Susan Glah '99 also chipped in two goals to round out the scoring. Sophomore Clara Barnhart led the Thoroughbreds in the losing effort.

Saturday's competition, RPI, was expected to field a stronger team than Skidmore, as they did, but it was not enough to beat Hamilton. In a nail-biter that came down to the last seconds, Hamilton squeaked out a 12-11 win to complete the weekend sweep.

The teams traded goals throughout the game as neither led by more than two at any time making it nerve-racking for the coaching staff. Hyner turned down several RPI shots that could have shifted the game in their favor. Egan took total control of the game at times as she outran and outhustled RPI defenders on her way to scoring four goals. Roberts showed impressive passing hands as she collected assists on goals by Vaughan and Egan as well as putting away two goals herself. Harris provided two more goals to complete a productive weekend on the stat sheet and Dicillis, Allison Warner, and Ashley Smith all chipped in goals.

It was a productive weekend for the team as they chalked up two wins and displayed an explosive offense and a stingy defense. The team hosts Rochester and Union this weekend.

Williams' Servidea sticks it to Conts

'Hawk' still flying high, notches two assists

By Todd Monsell '98
SPORTS STAFF

The men's lacrosse team travelled to Williamstown, MA last Saturday and ran into undefeated and nationally-ranked #18 Williams. The Ephs made short work of Hamilton, cruising 16-3.

Led by freshman goalkeeper John Servidea, the Division III's leader in save percentage, Williams was able to control the ball throughout, allowing Hamilton very few scoring opportunities.

When the Continentals did manage to put the ball on net, Servidea was there for the big save, stopping an incredible thirteen out of sixteen Hamilton shots.

PHOTO BY RITU MONGA '99

Hamilton's lacrosse team practicing for their tumble on the turf with the Skidmore Thoroughbreds. The Continentals lost to Skidmore for the first time ever last year and look to avenge the defeat behind the offense of midfielder Bob Hawkanson '98.

Bob Hawkanson '98 continued to lead the Buff and Blue, picking up two assists in the losing effort. Jamie Walsh '97, Chris Toomey '97, and Whit McGraw '99 each added single tallies, and senior Jud Henderson backstopped Hamilton with 16 saves. The loss dropped Hamilton to 1-4.

Through five games, Hawkanson leads all scorers with ten goals and four assists. Sophomore Tommy White, who might miss the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute game due to injury, has tallied seven goals and two assists.

Walsh has added five goals and an assist, enough to finish third in Hamilton scoring. Co-captain Harry Taylor '96 has also exhibited excellent play overall, and co-captain John Bowmann '96 has been "outstanding" on defense.

Hamilton played home today against #25 RPI and also hosts UCAA rival Skidmore on Saturday. A team that notched its first ever win against Hamilton just last year, Skidmore is a threat.

Coach Manfred von Schiller said "whoever dominates and controls the ball will score." Although the Continentals' record is far from stellar, Coach Schiller praises the team's work ethic. "To win," he says, "we must score ten or more goals a game."

Come support your Continentals as they host the Skidmore Thoroughbreds tomorrow at noon at Love Field.